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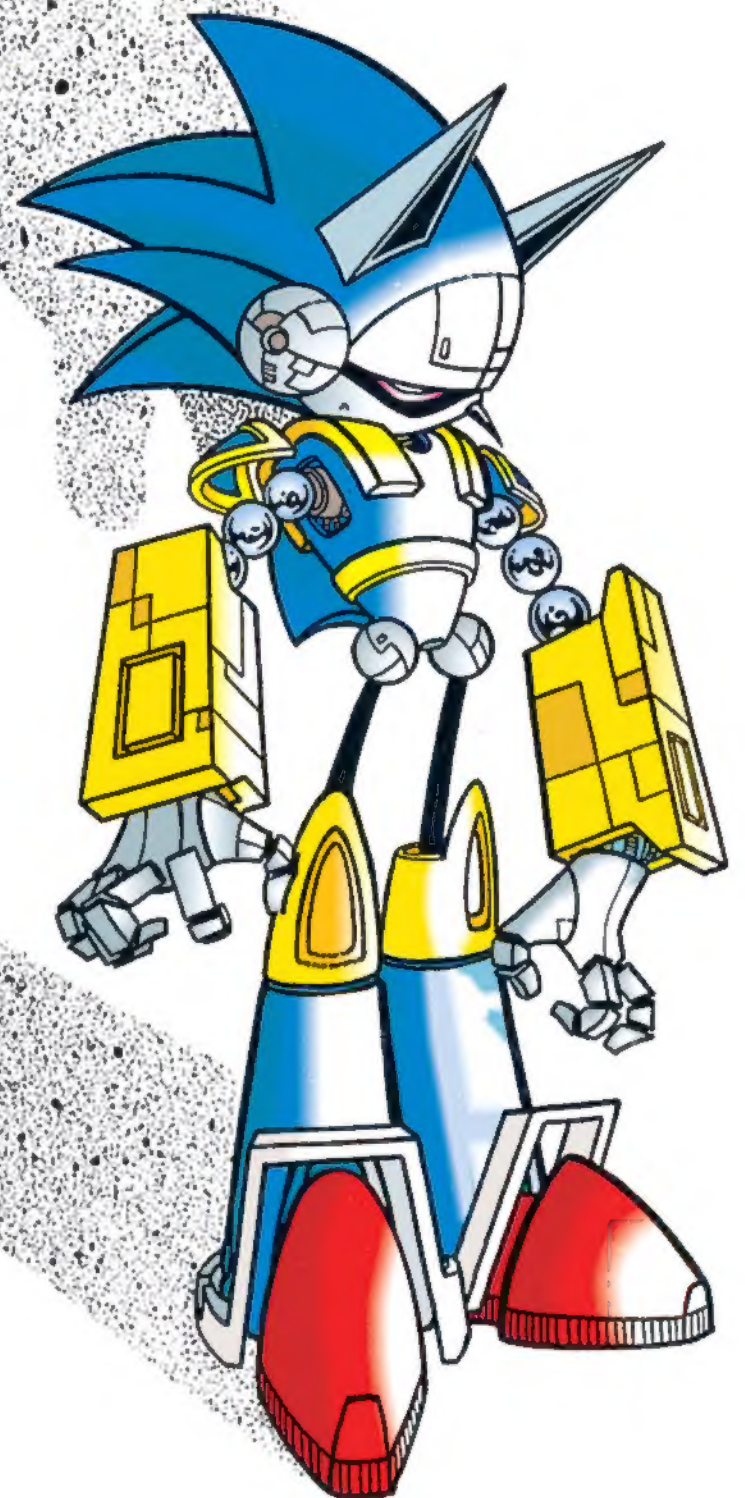
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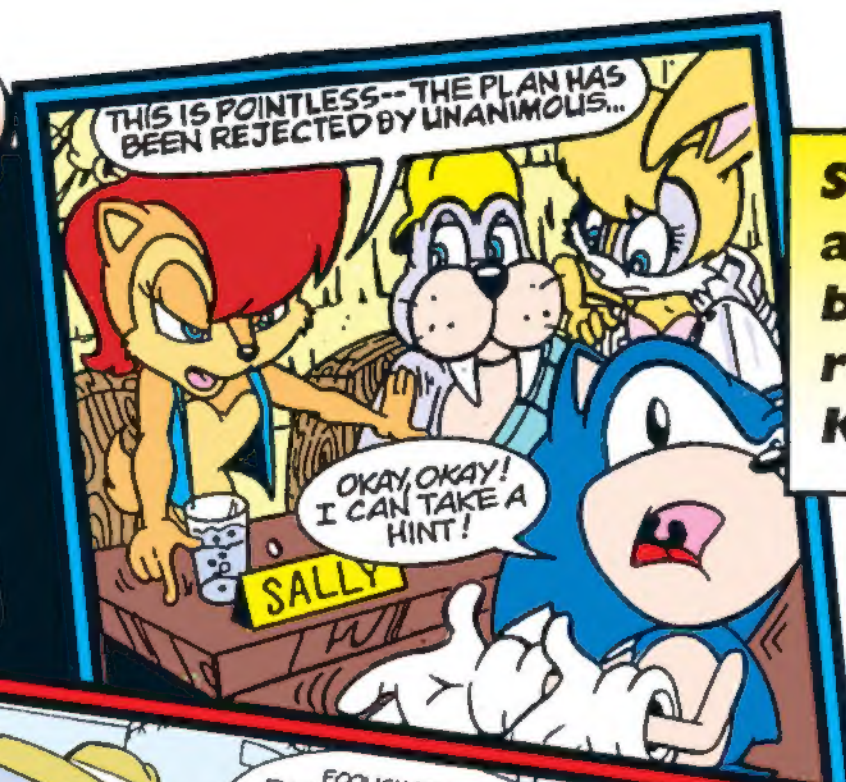
in **"Don't Let The
Island Hit You
On The Way Down!"**

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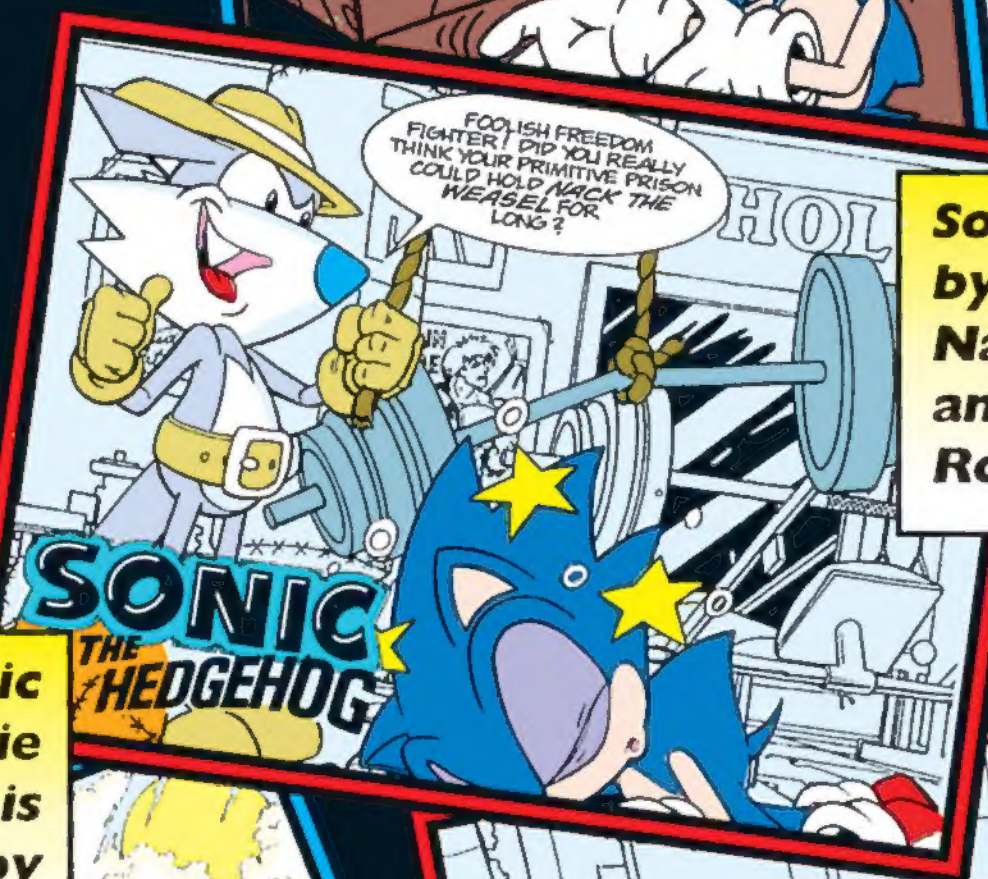


RECAP

Trading Cards*



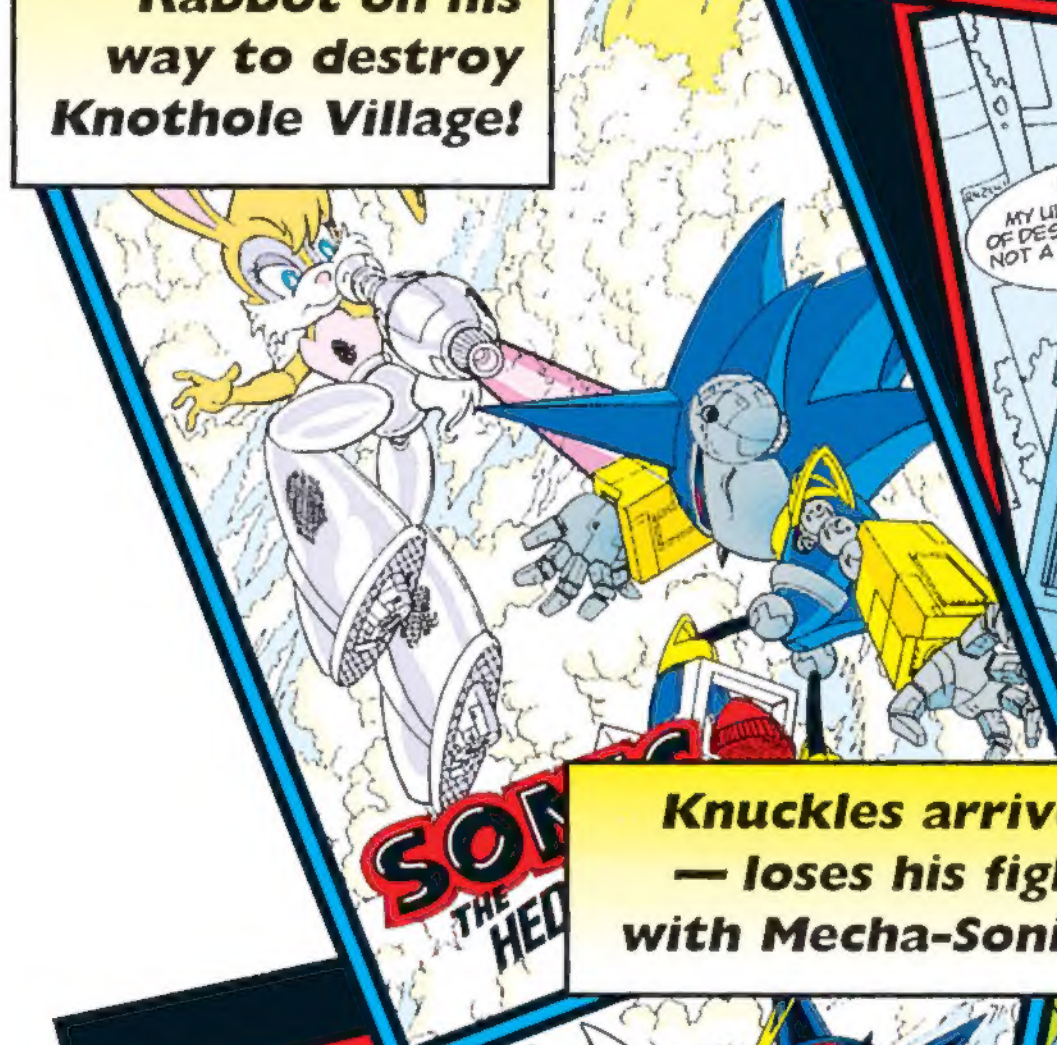
Sonic's request to allow himself to be roboticized is rejected by the Knothole Council.



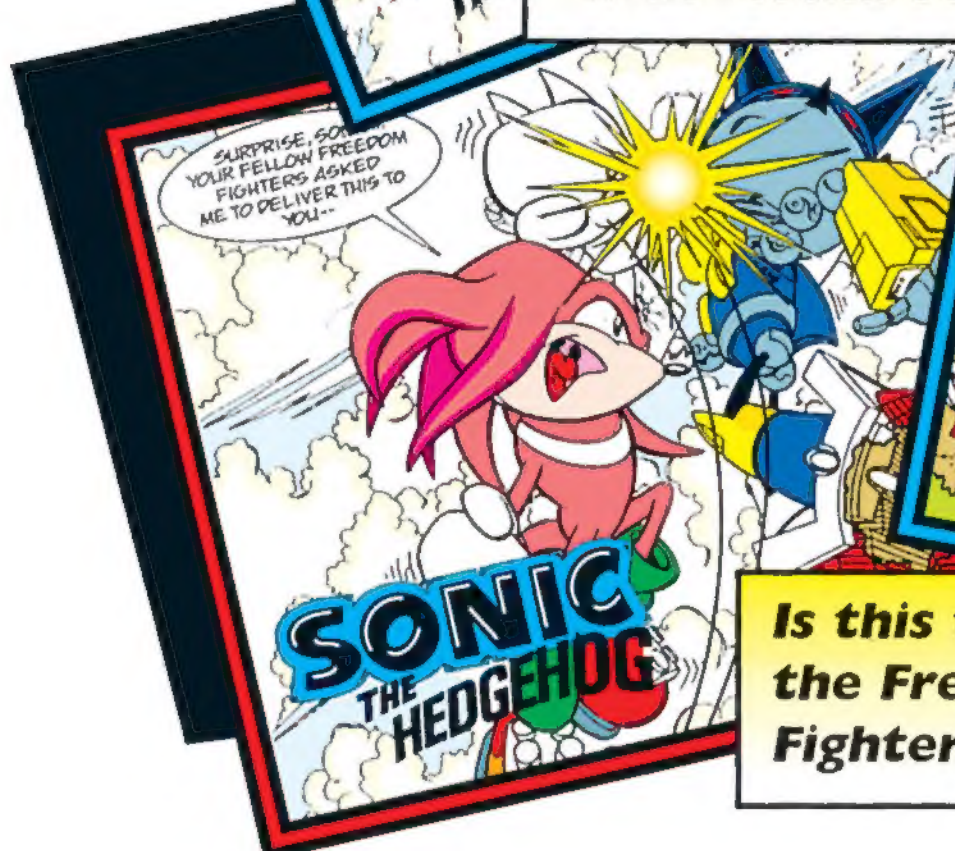
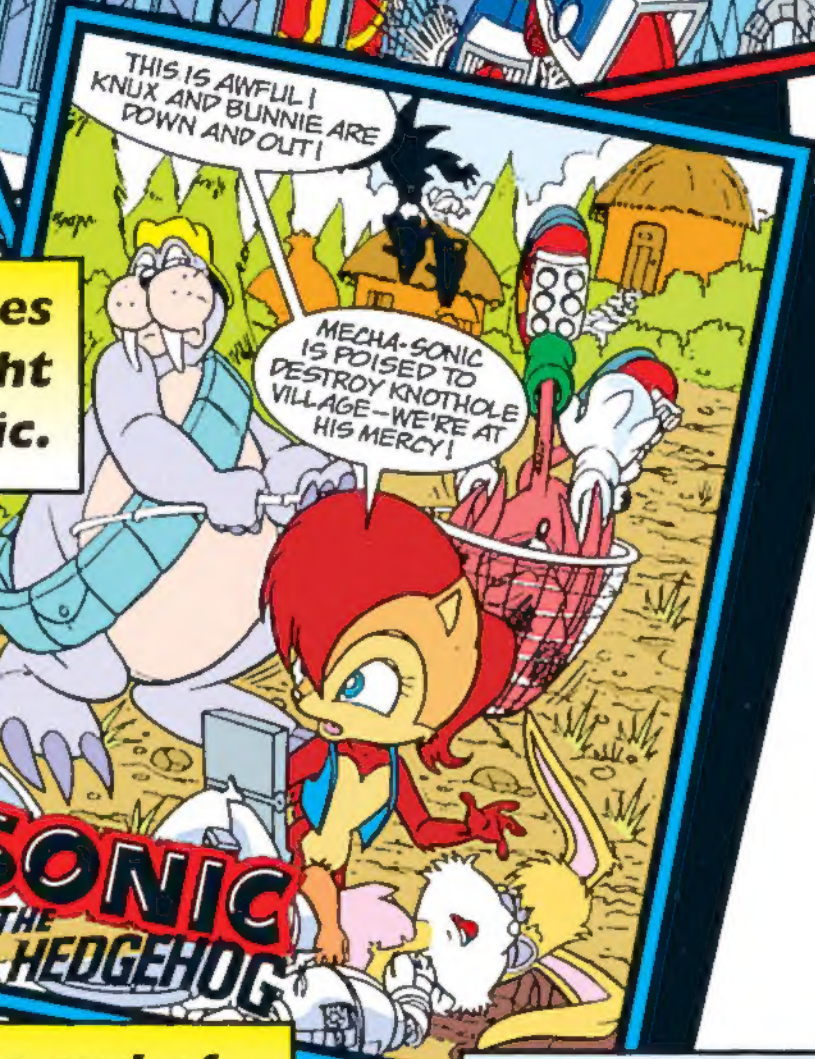
Sonic is ambushed by escaped convict, Nack the Weasel, and taken to Robotropolis.

Mecha-Sonic battles Bunnie Rabbot on his way to destroy Knothole Village!

Robotnik finally creates the "real" Mecha-Sonic.

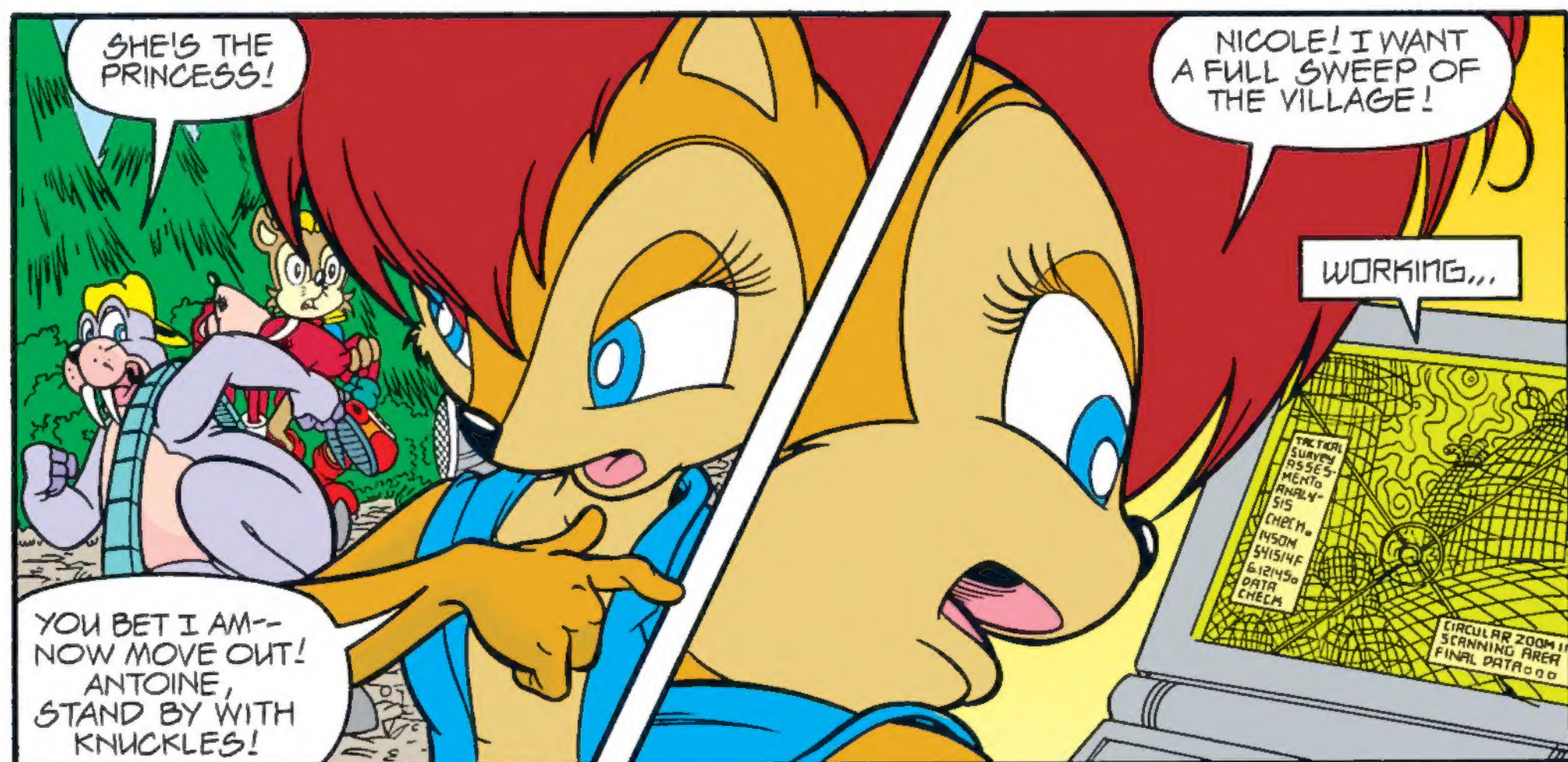
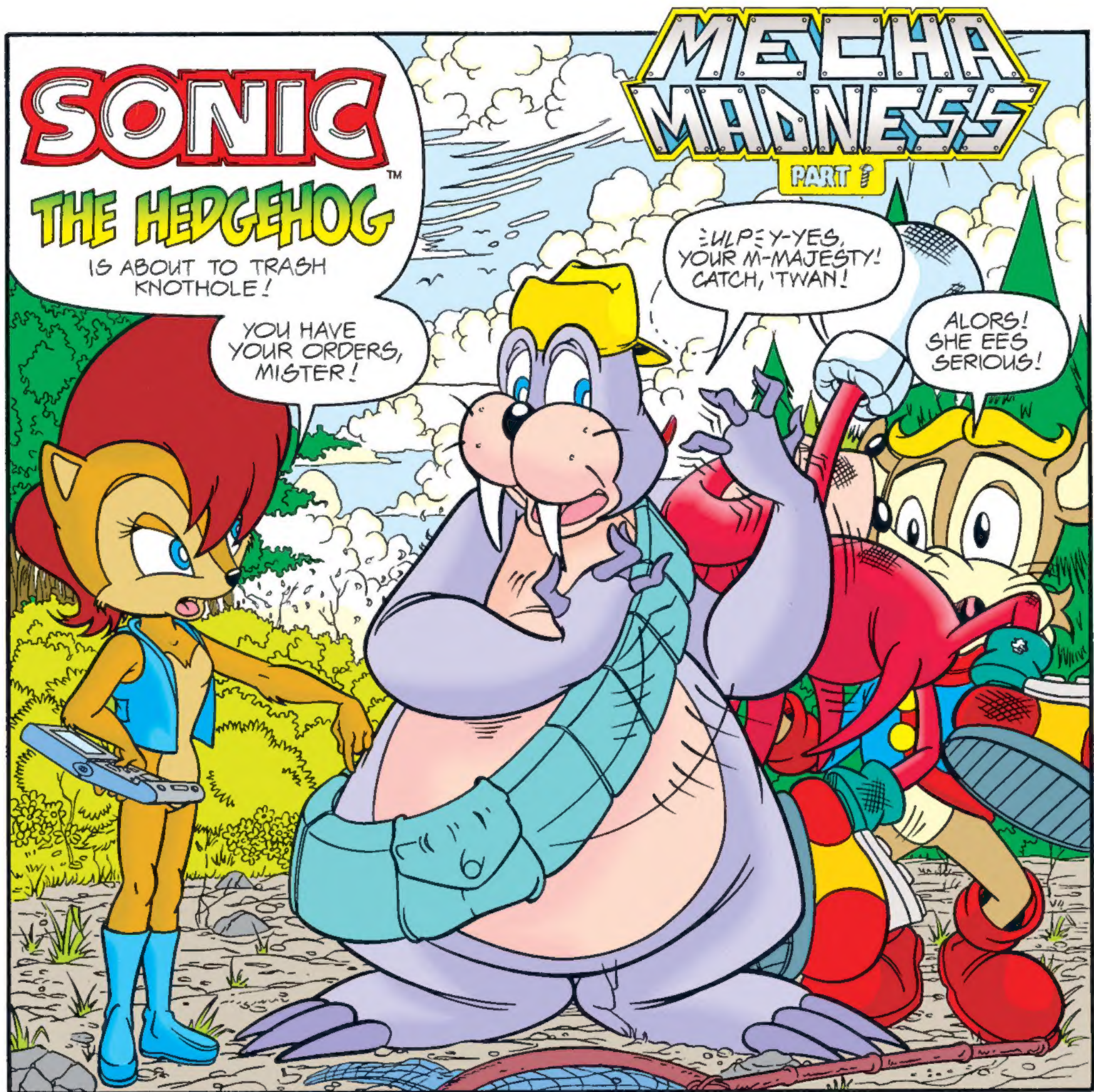


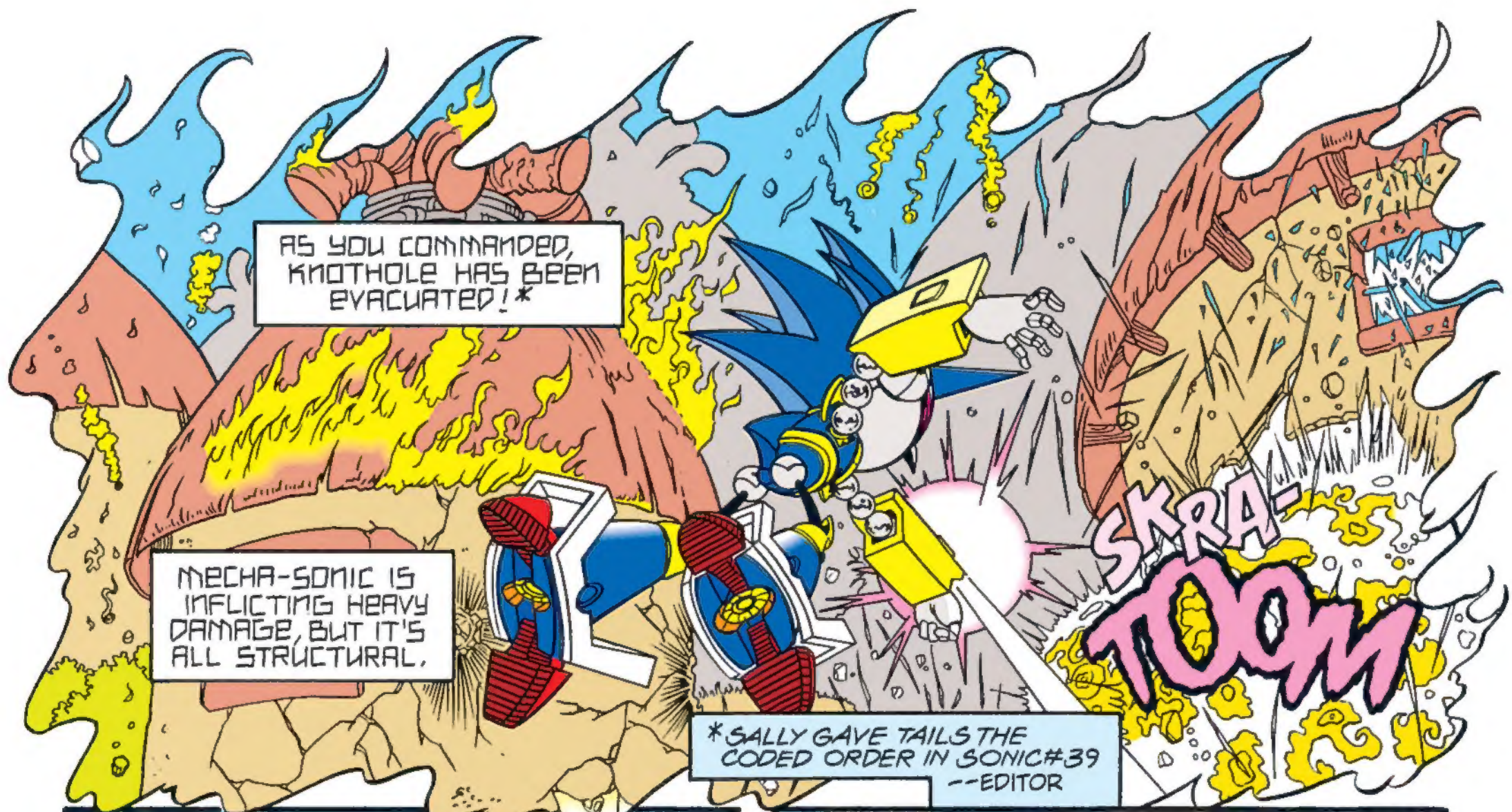
Knuckles arrives — loses his fight with Mecha-Sonic.



Is this the end of the Freedom Fighters?

**Describing events in Sonic #39*

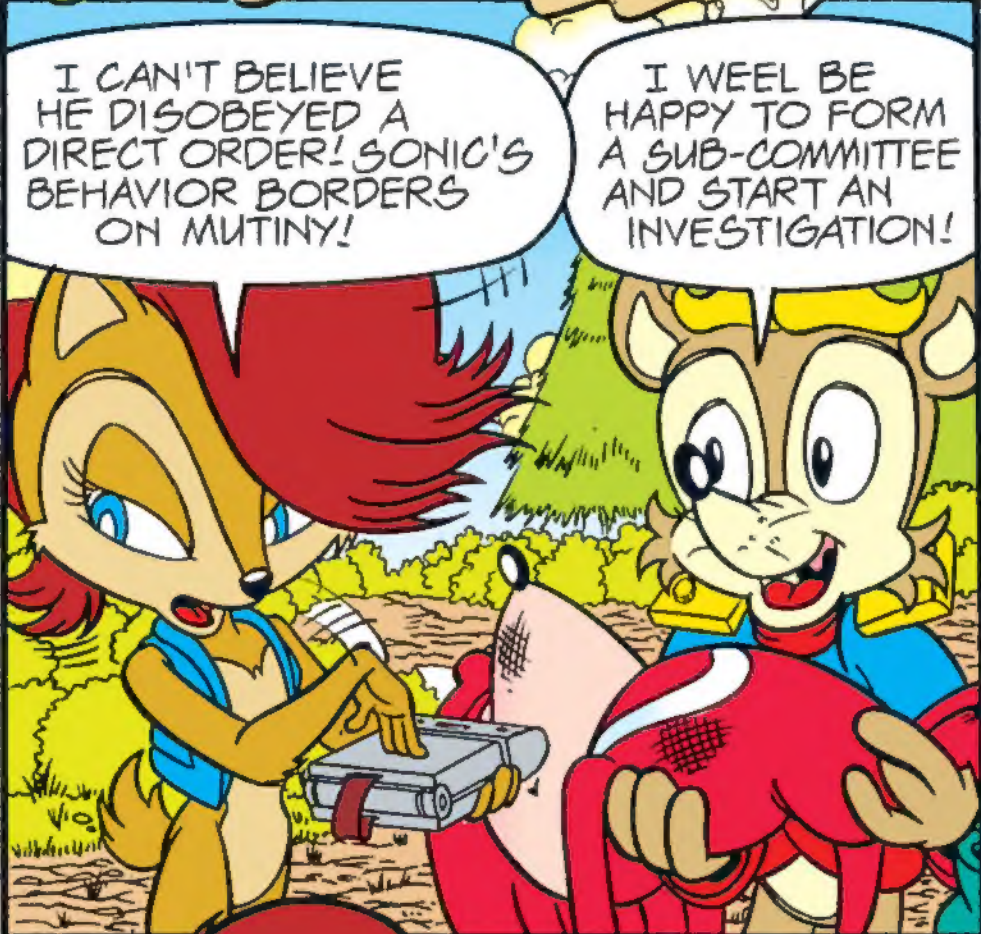




AS YOU COMMANDED,
KNOTHOLE HAS BEEN
EVACUATED! *

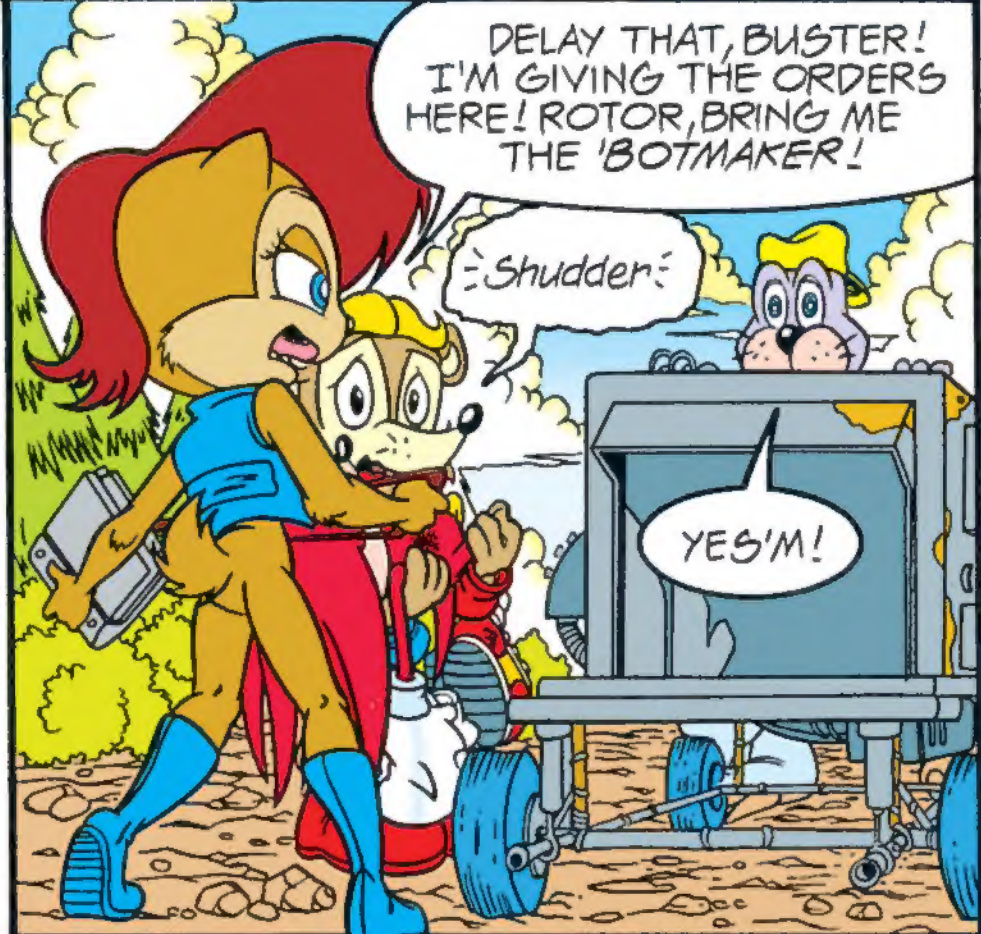
MECHA-SONIC IS
INFLECTING HEAVY
DAMAGE, BUT IT'S
ALL STRUCTURAL.

* SALLY GAVE TAILS THE
CODED ORDER IN SONIC#39
--EDITOR



I CAN'T BELIEVE
HE DISOBEYED A
DIRECT ORDER! SONIC'S
BEHAVIOR BORDERS
ON MUTINY!

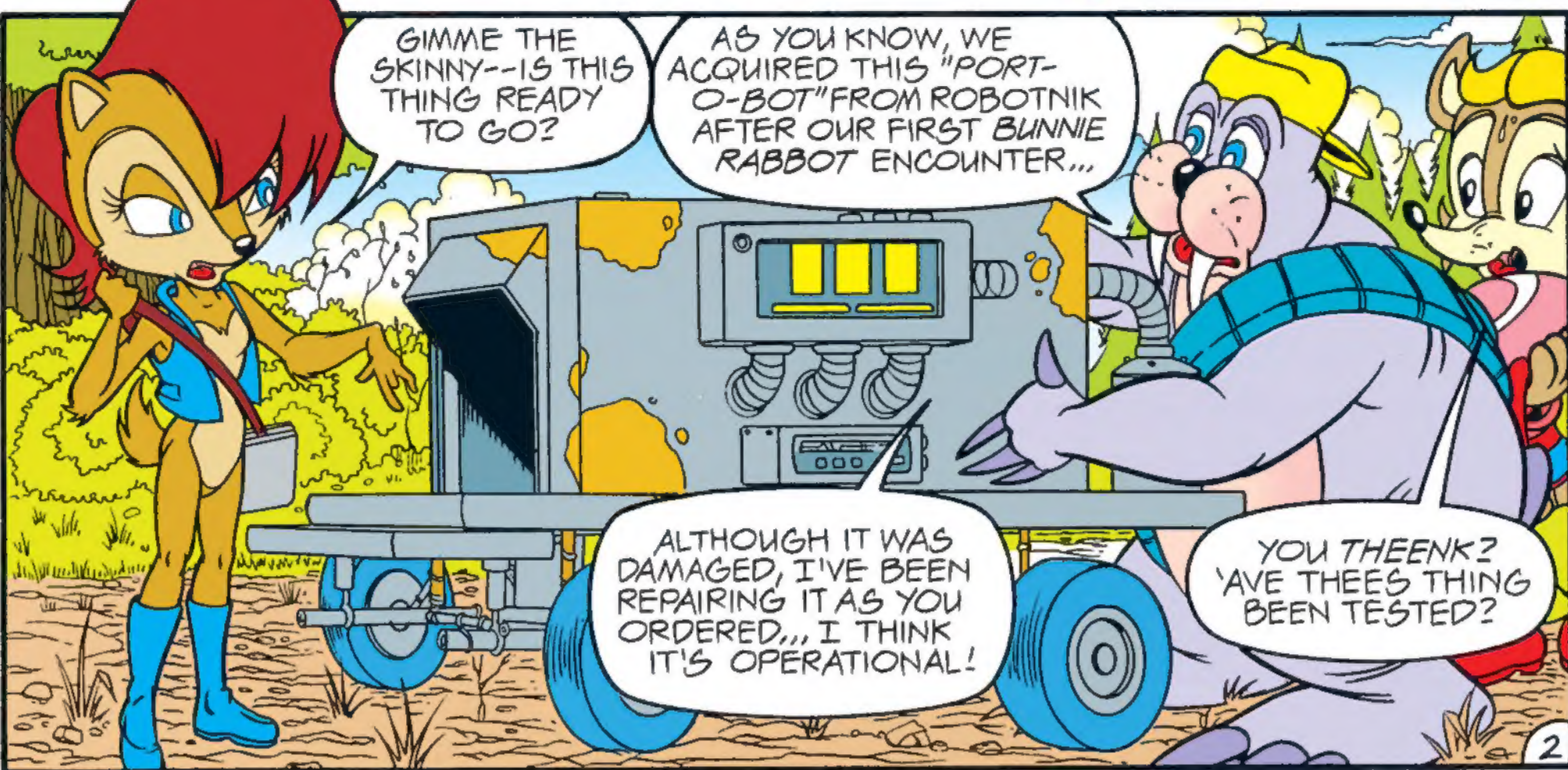
I WEEL BE
HAPPY TO FORM
A SUB-COMMITTEE
AND START AN
INVESTIGATION!



DELAY THAT, BUSTER!
I'M GIVING THE ORDERS
HERE! ROTOR, BRING ME
THE 'BOTMAKER!

Shudder:

YES'M!

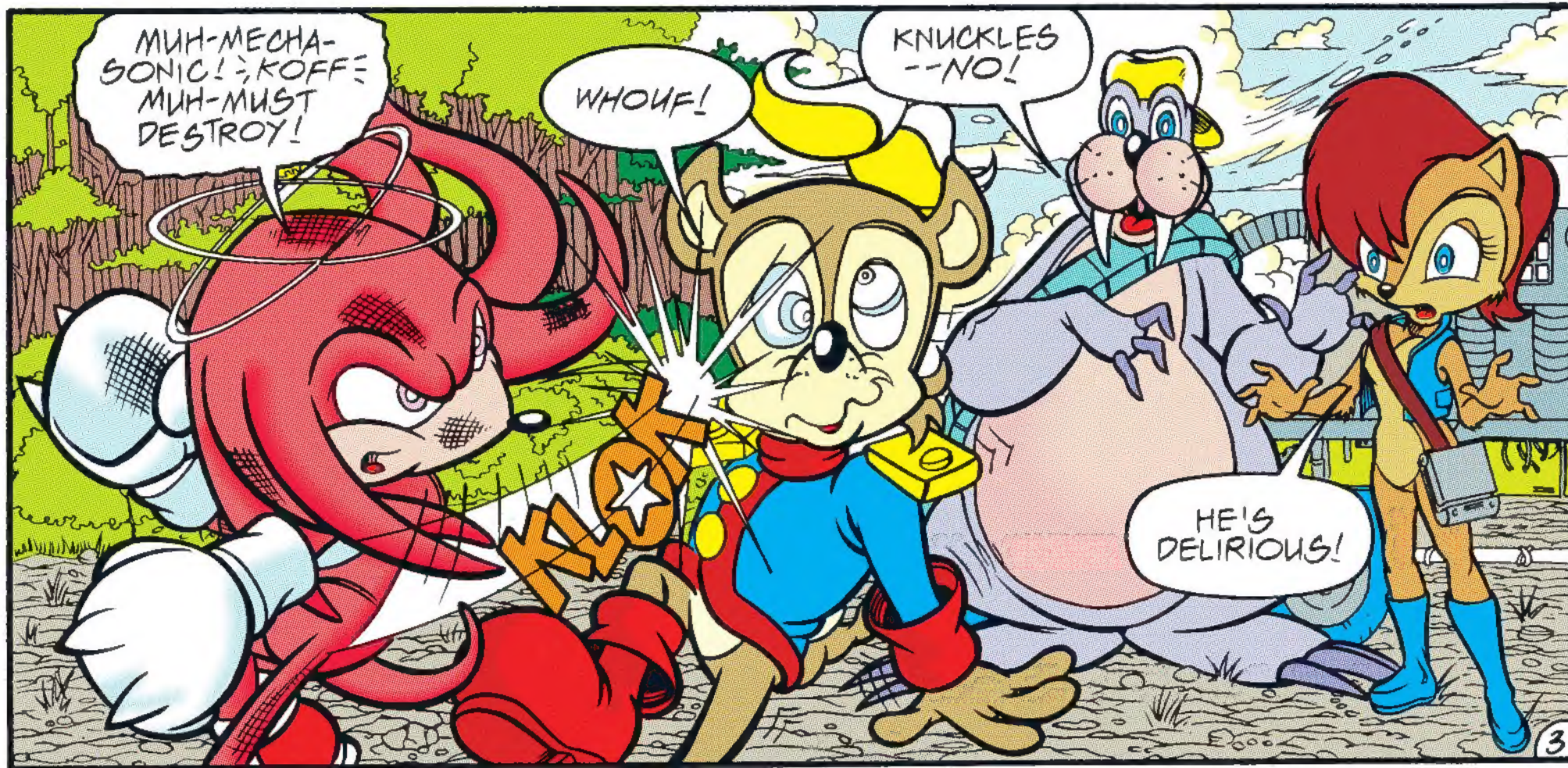
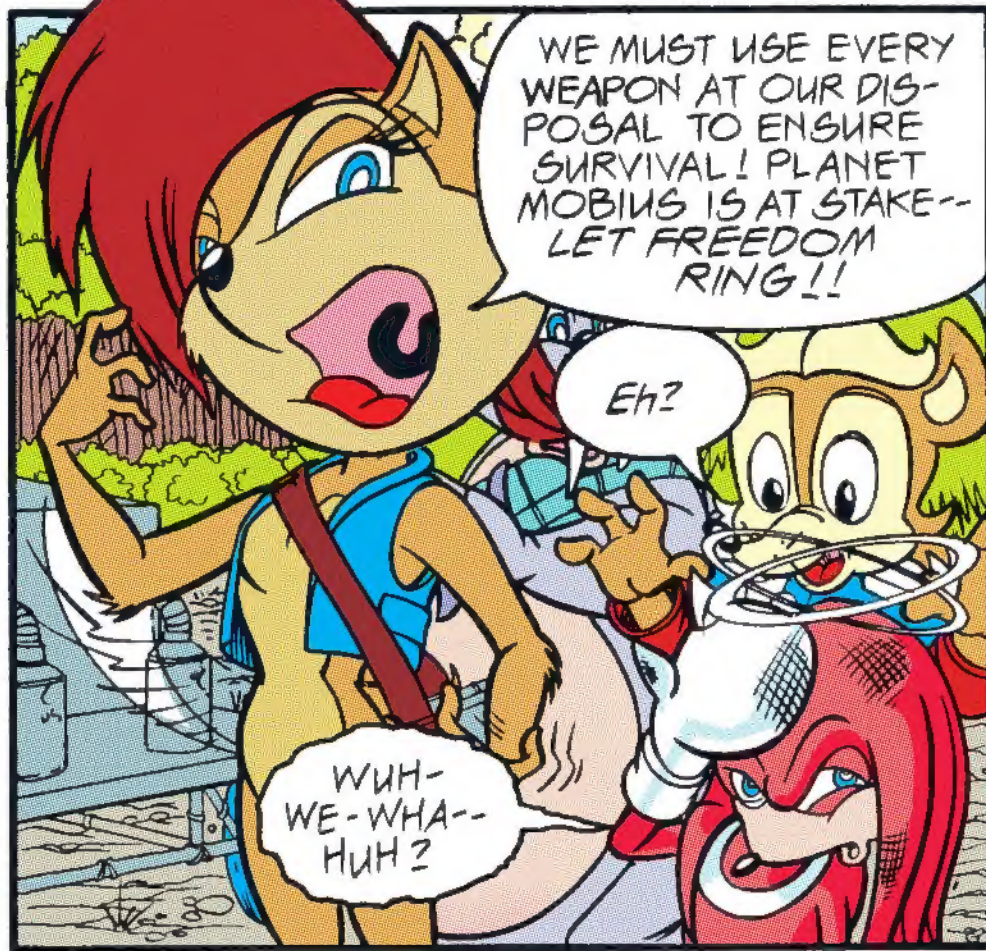
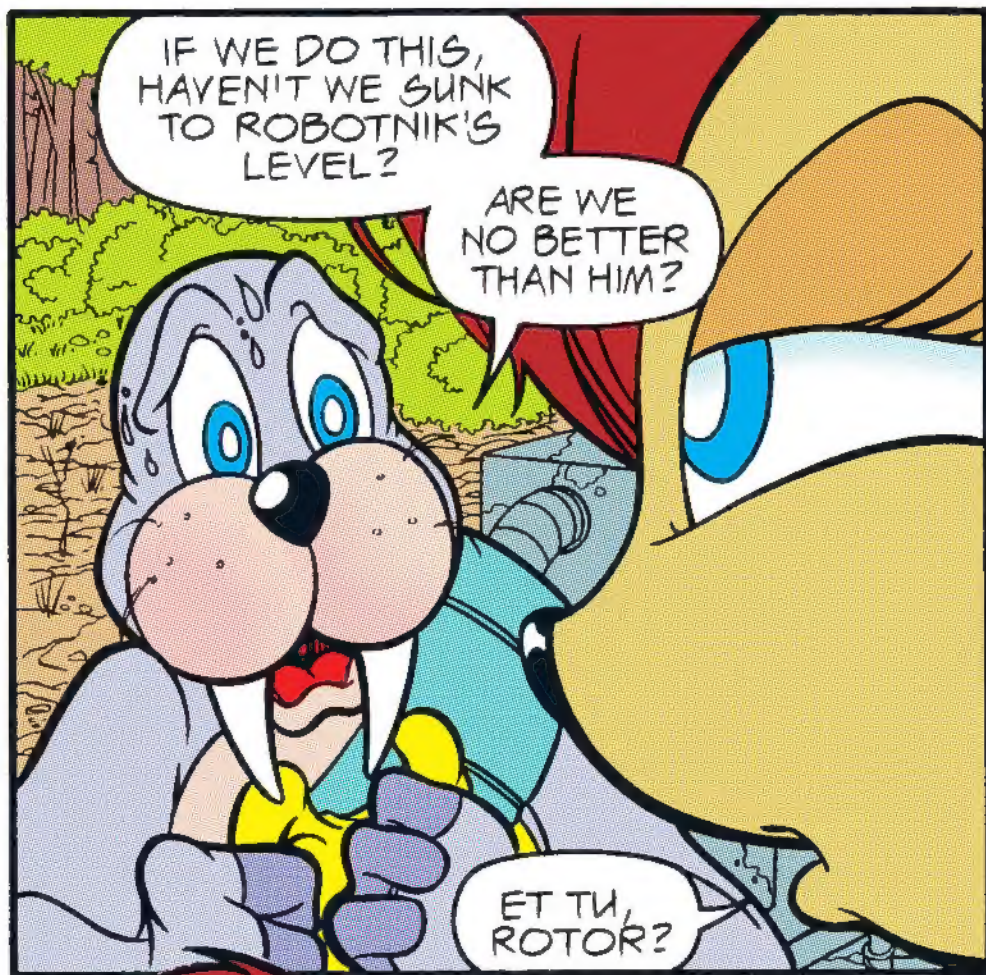


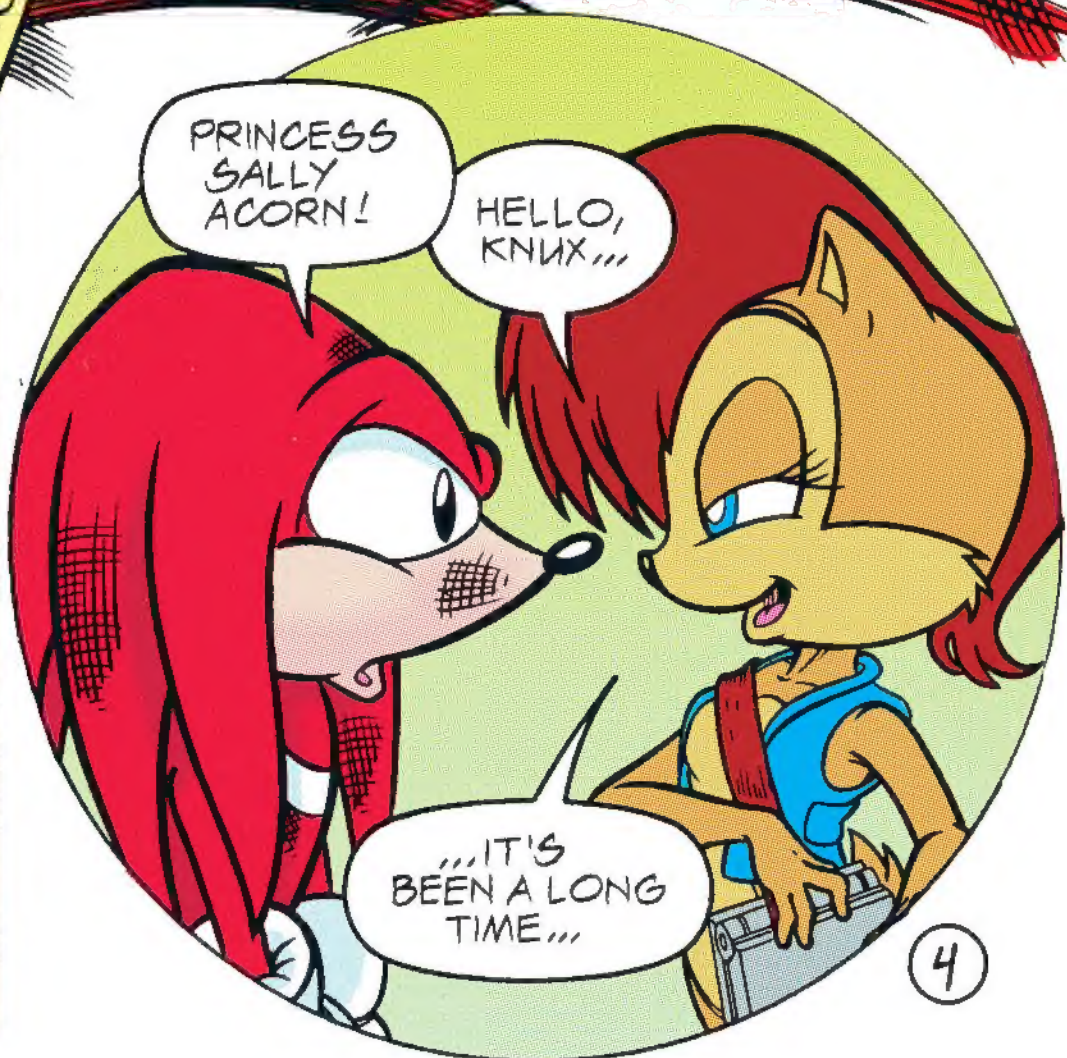
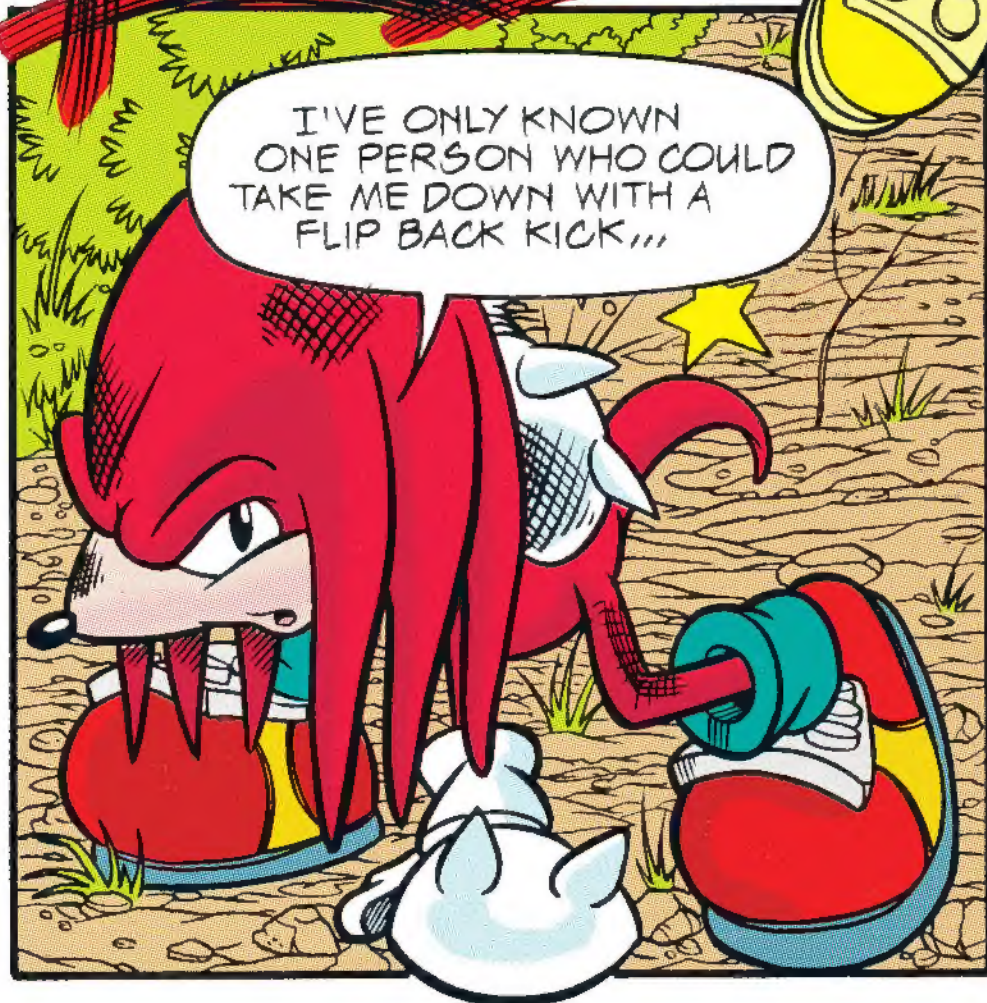
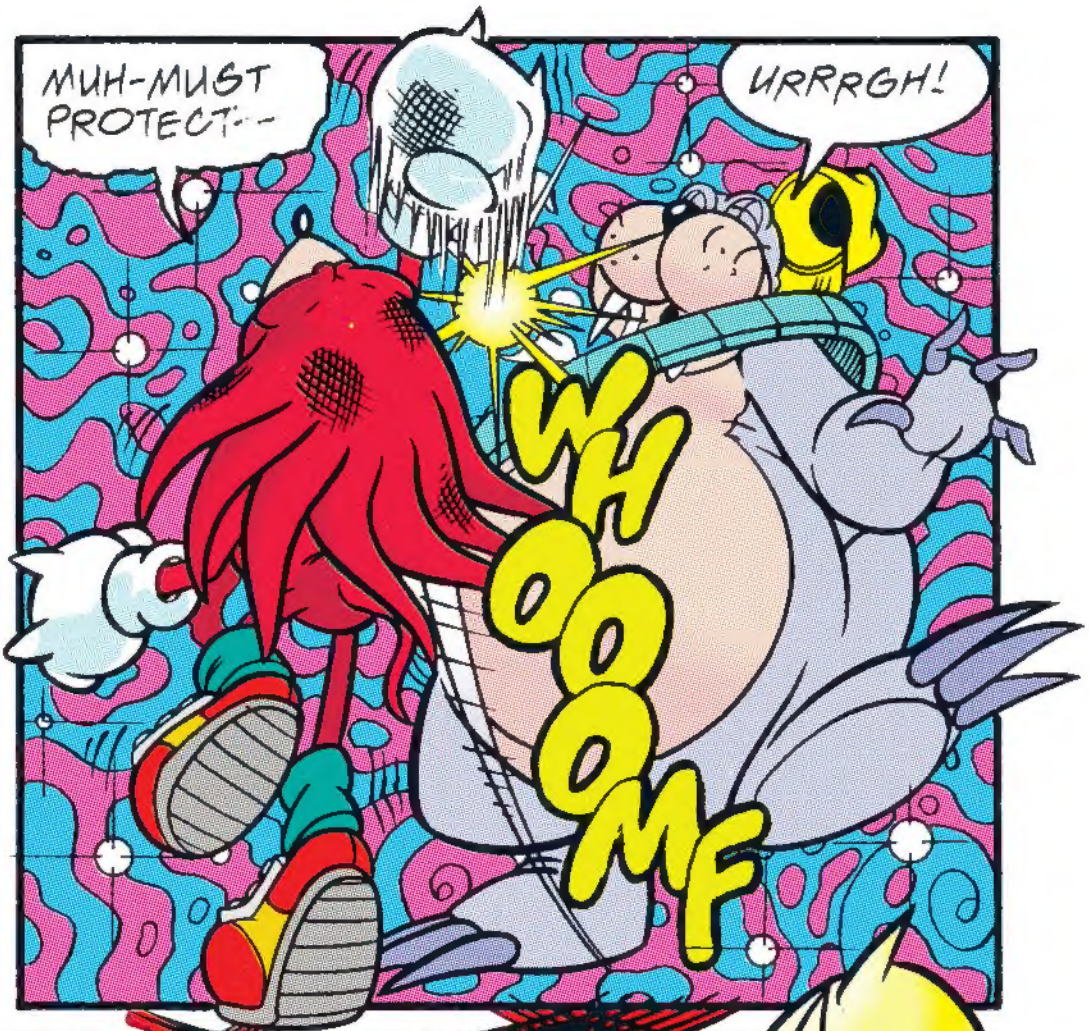
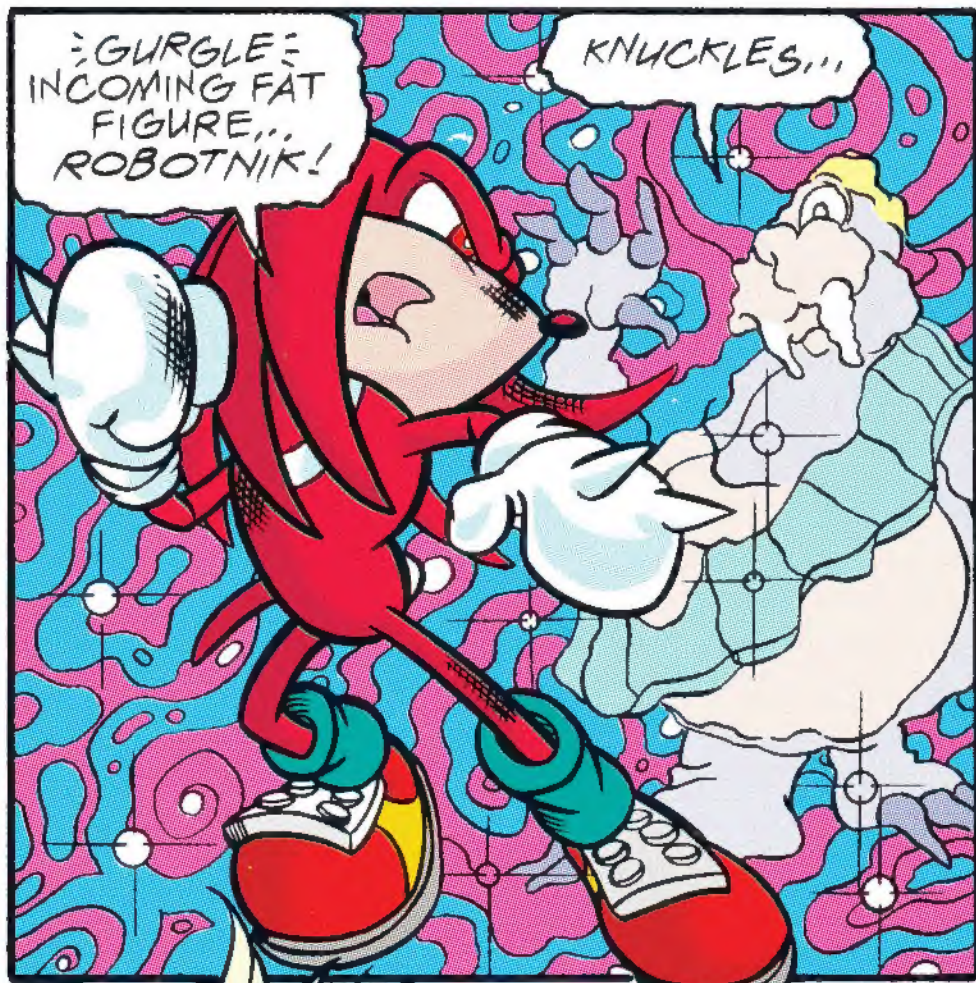
GIMME THE
SKINNY--IS THIS
THING READY
TO GO?

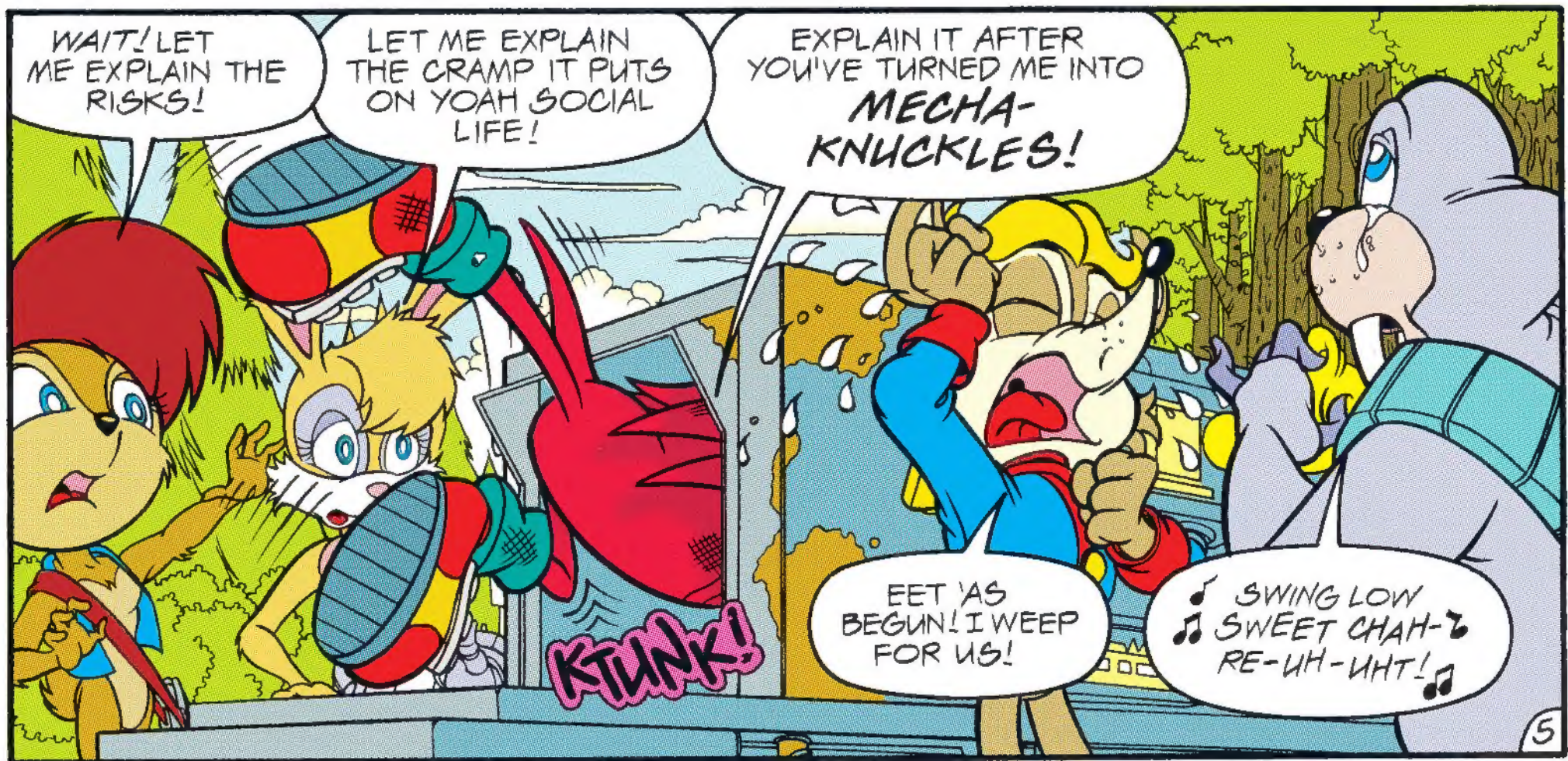
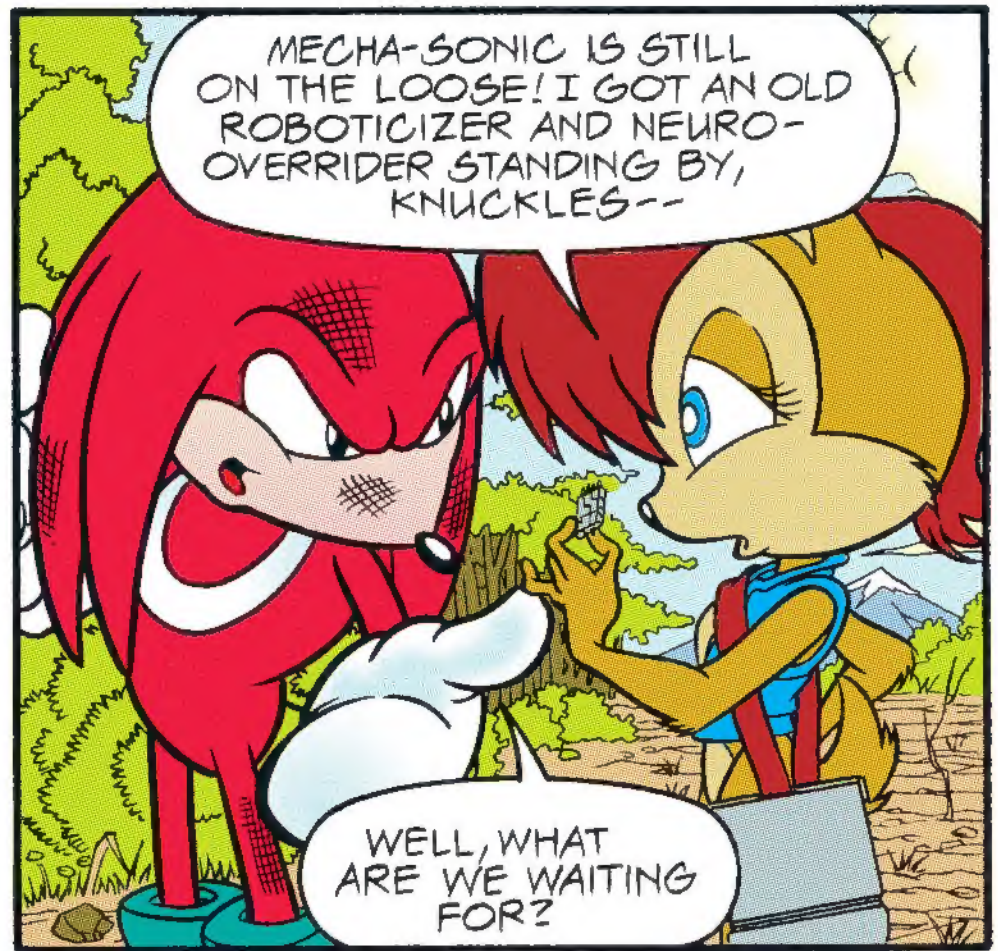
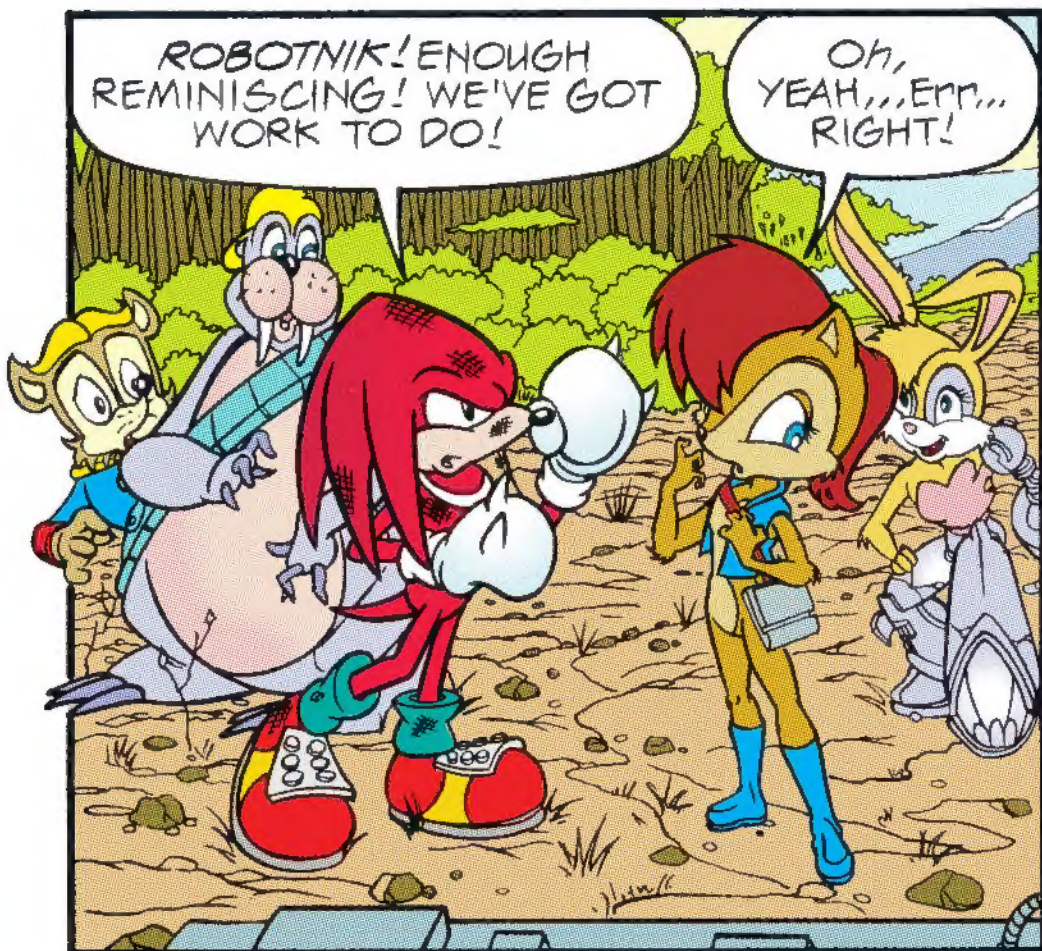
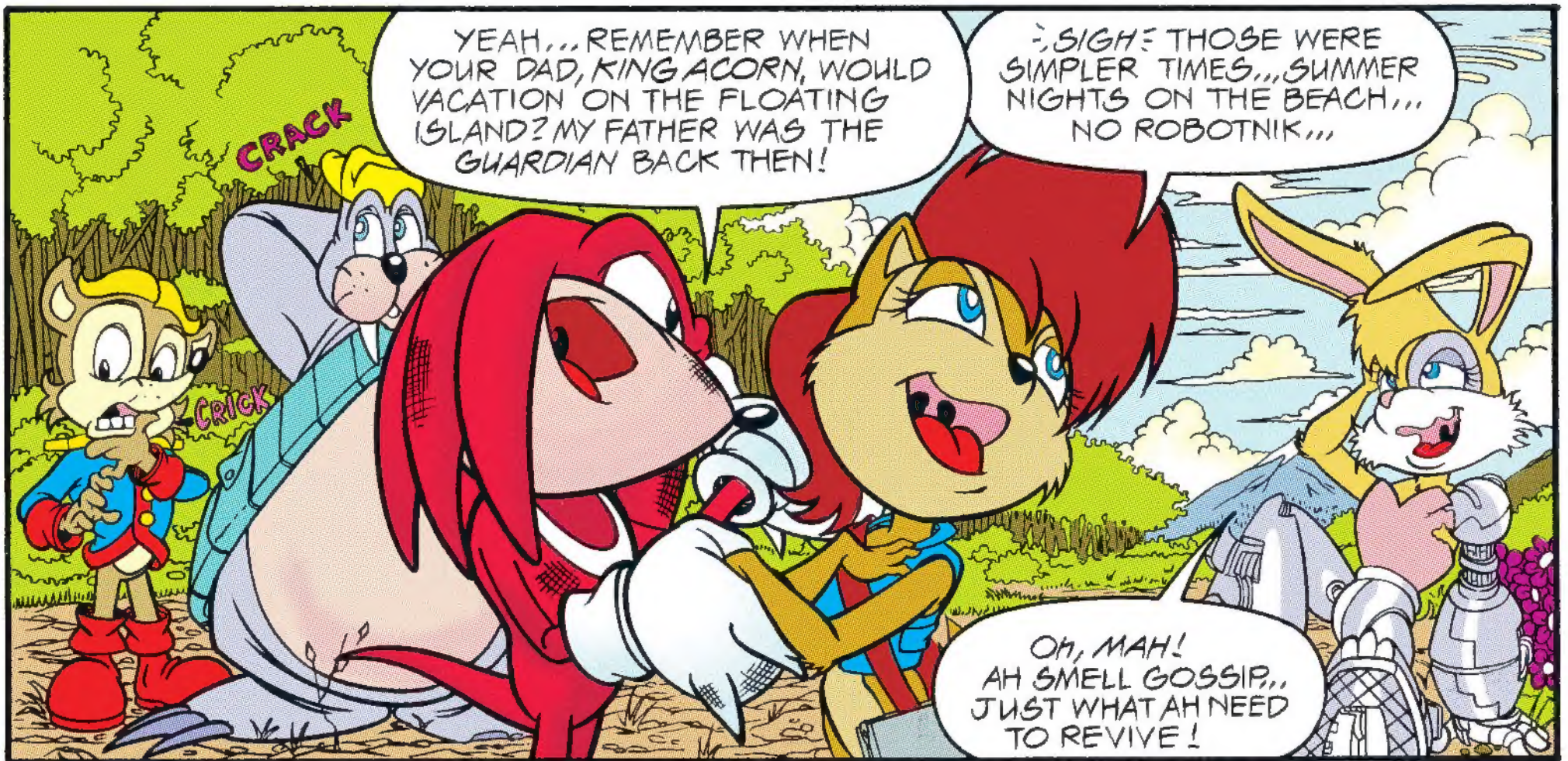
AS YOU KNOW, WE
ACQUIRED THIS "PORT-
O-BOT" FROM ROBOTNIK
AFTER OUR FIRST BUNNIE
RABBOT ENCOUNTER...

ALTHOUGH IT WAS
DAMAGED, I'VE BEEN
REPAIRING IT AS YOU
ORDERED,,, I THINK
IT'S OPERATIONAL!

YOU THEENK?
'AVE THEES THING
BEEN TESTED?







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THE HEDGEHOG
IS OBLITERATING KNOTHOLE
VILLAGE!

MECHA WADNESS

PART 11

CRASH

IT'S A
GOOD THING I HAD
THE PLACE EVACUATED!
THERE'S NO ONE HERE
...EXCEPT...

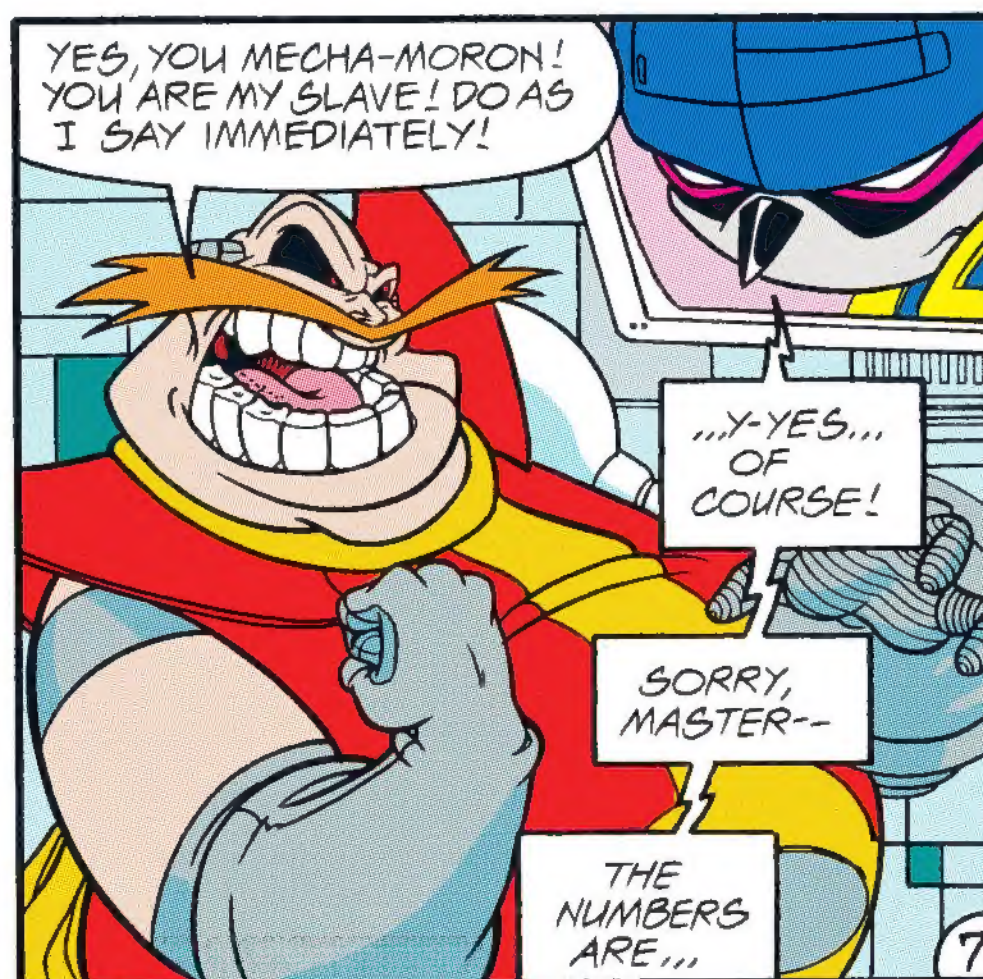
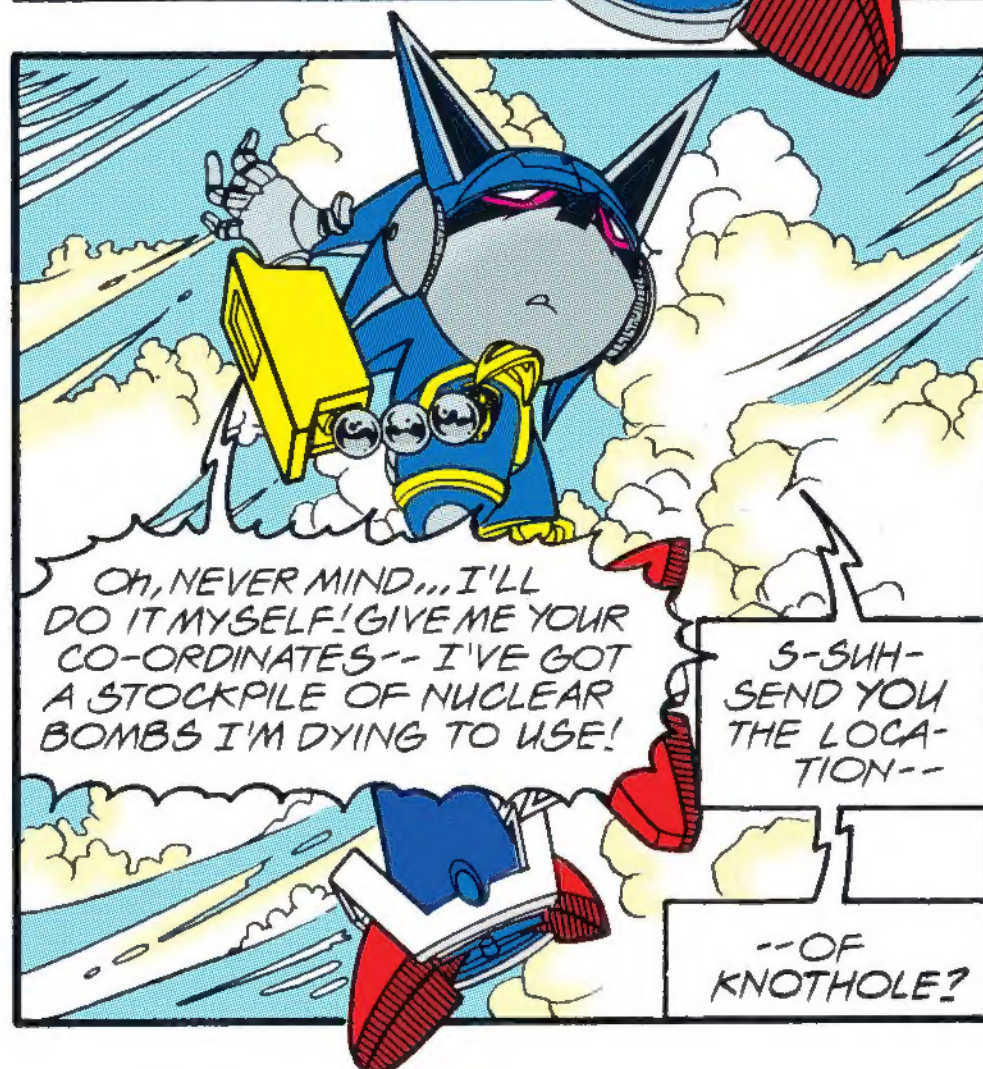
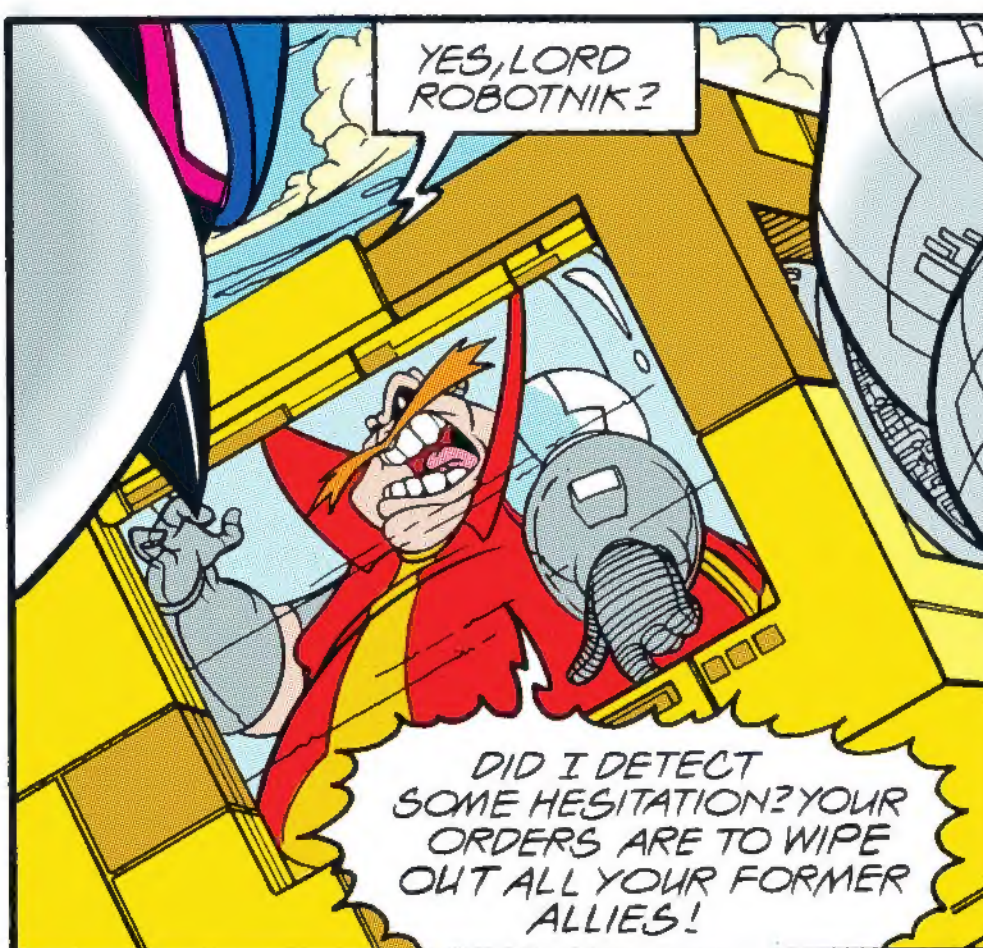
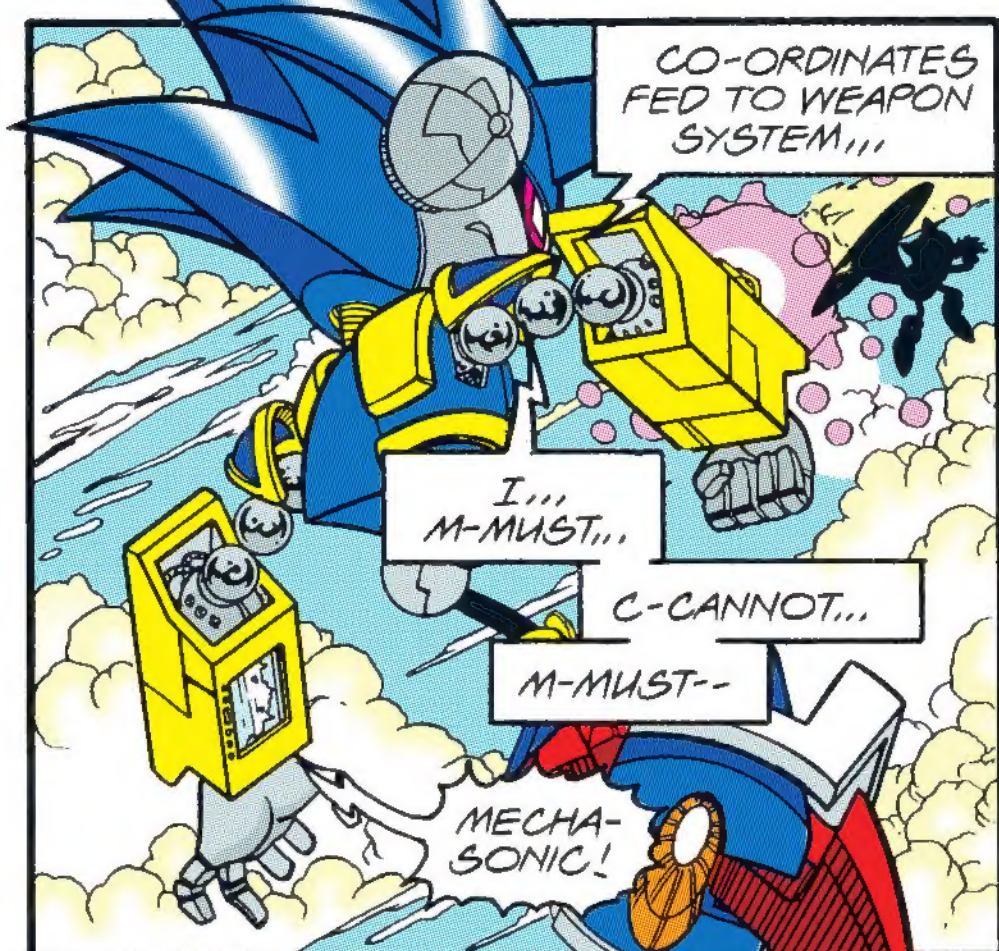
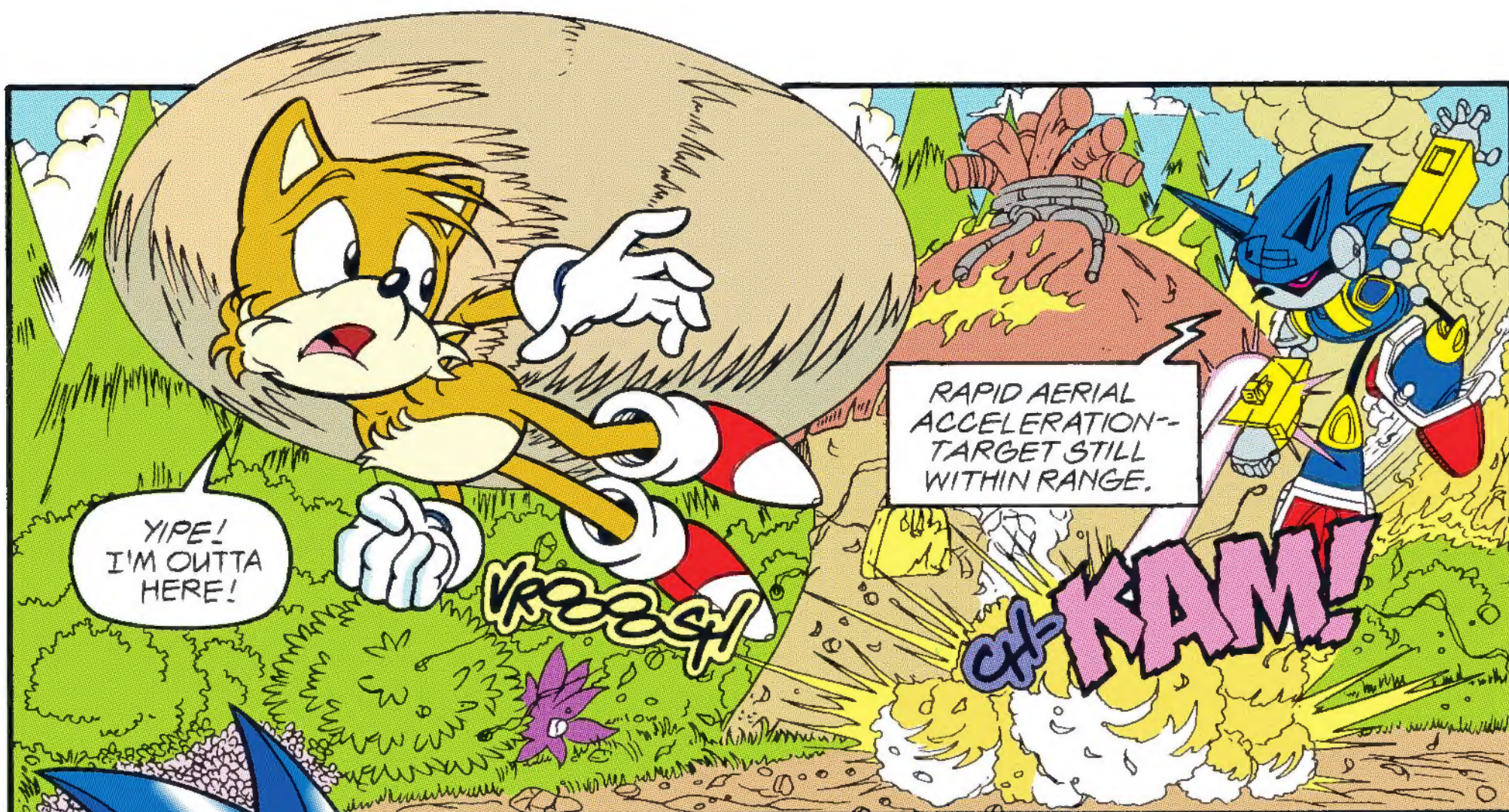
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oh!

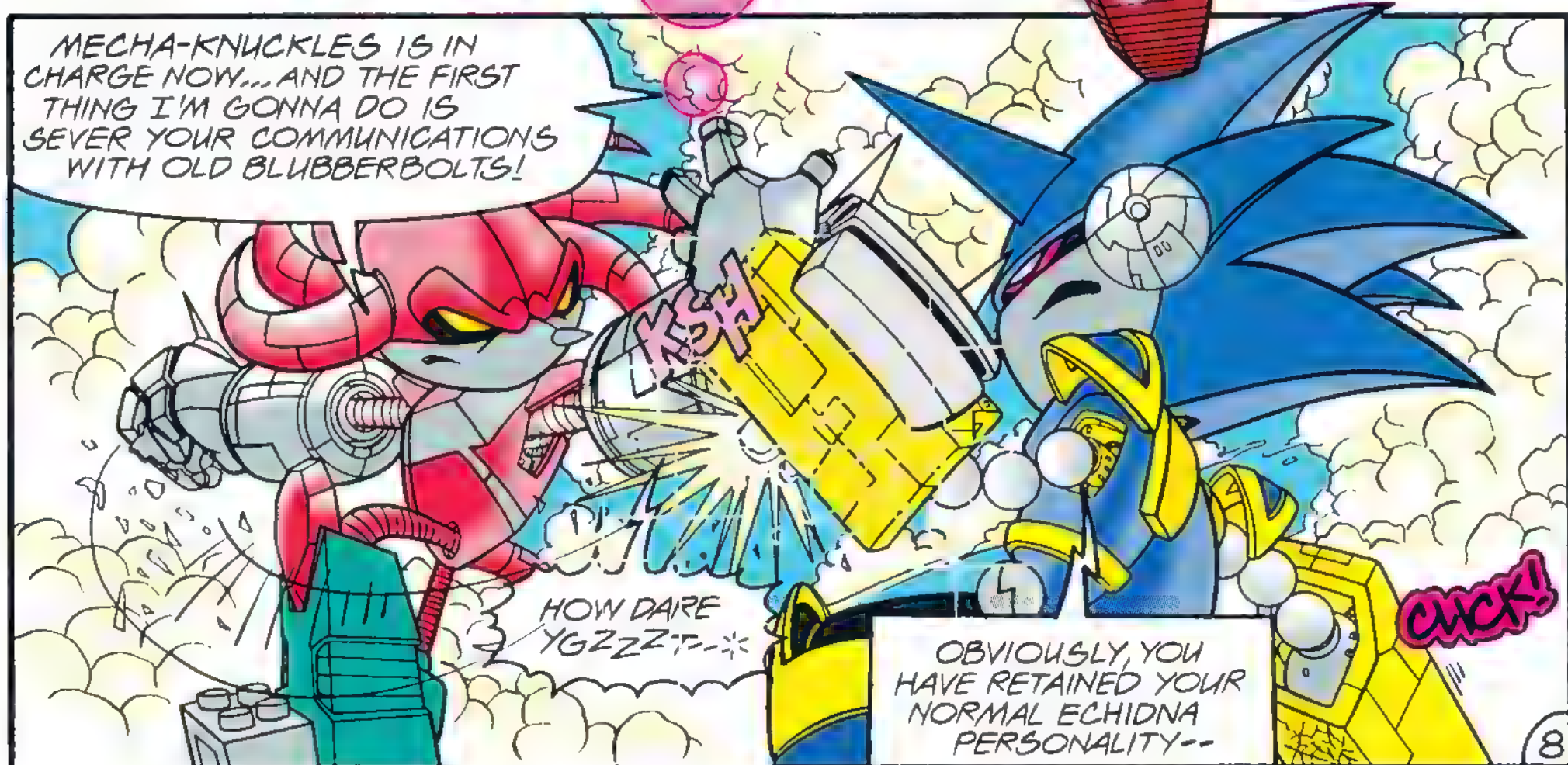
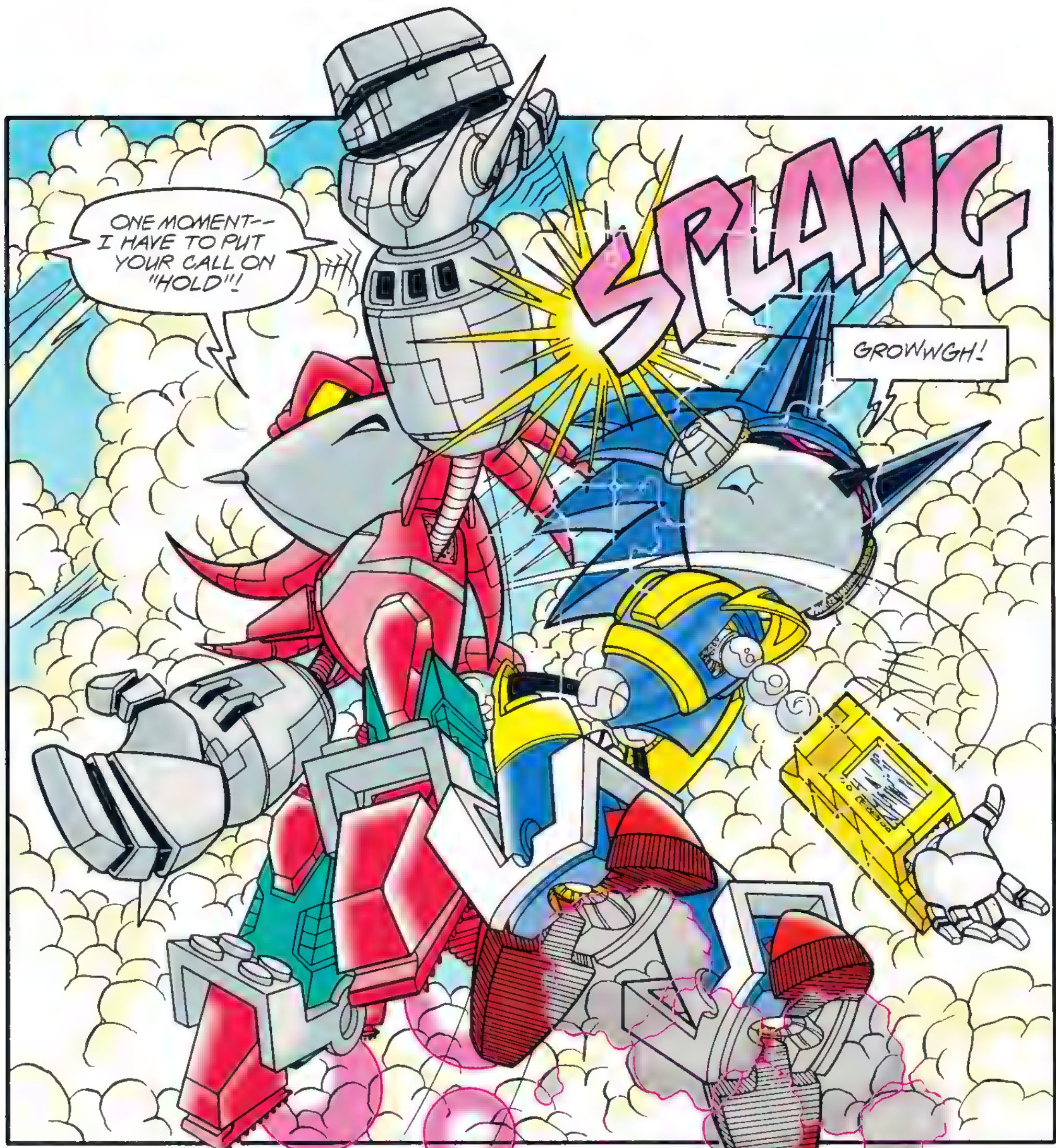
ME!

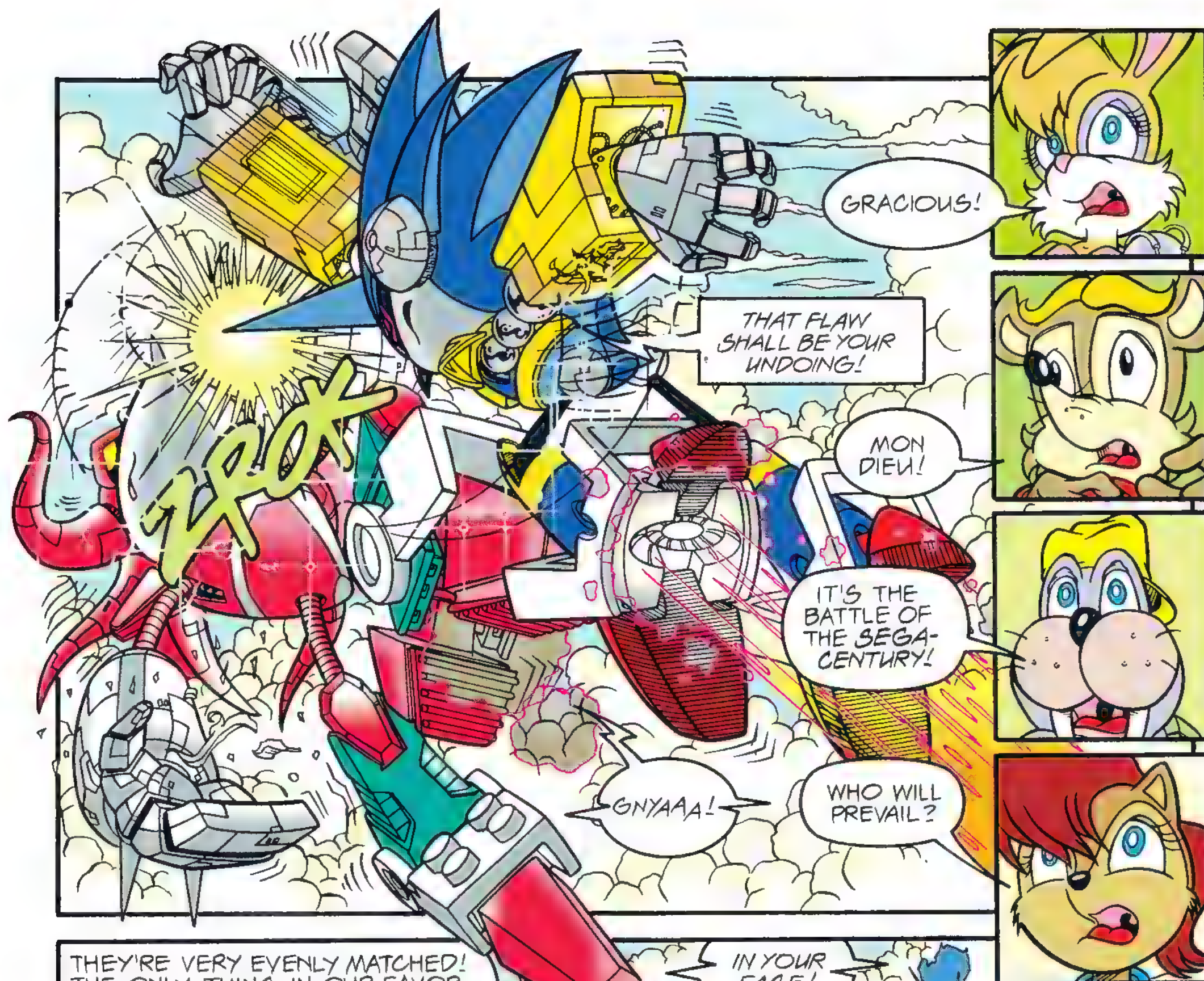
WHOOOP...
I'VE BEEN
SPOTTED!

FREEDOM
FIGHTER CODENAME:
TAILS!

ELIMINATE!







GRACIOUS!

THAT FLAW
SHALL BE YOUR
UNDOING!

MON
DIEU!

IT'S THE
BATTLE OF
THE SEGA-
CENTURY!

GNYAAA!

WHO WILL
PREVAIL?

THEY'RE VERY EVENLY MATCHED!
THE ONLY THING IN OUR FAVOR
IS THAT MECHA-KNUCKLES
HAS FRESH LEGS!

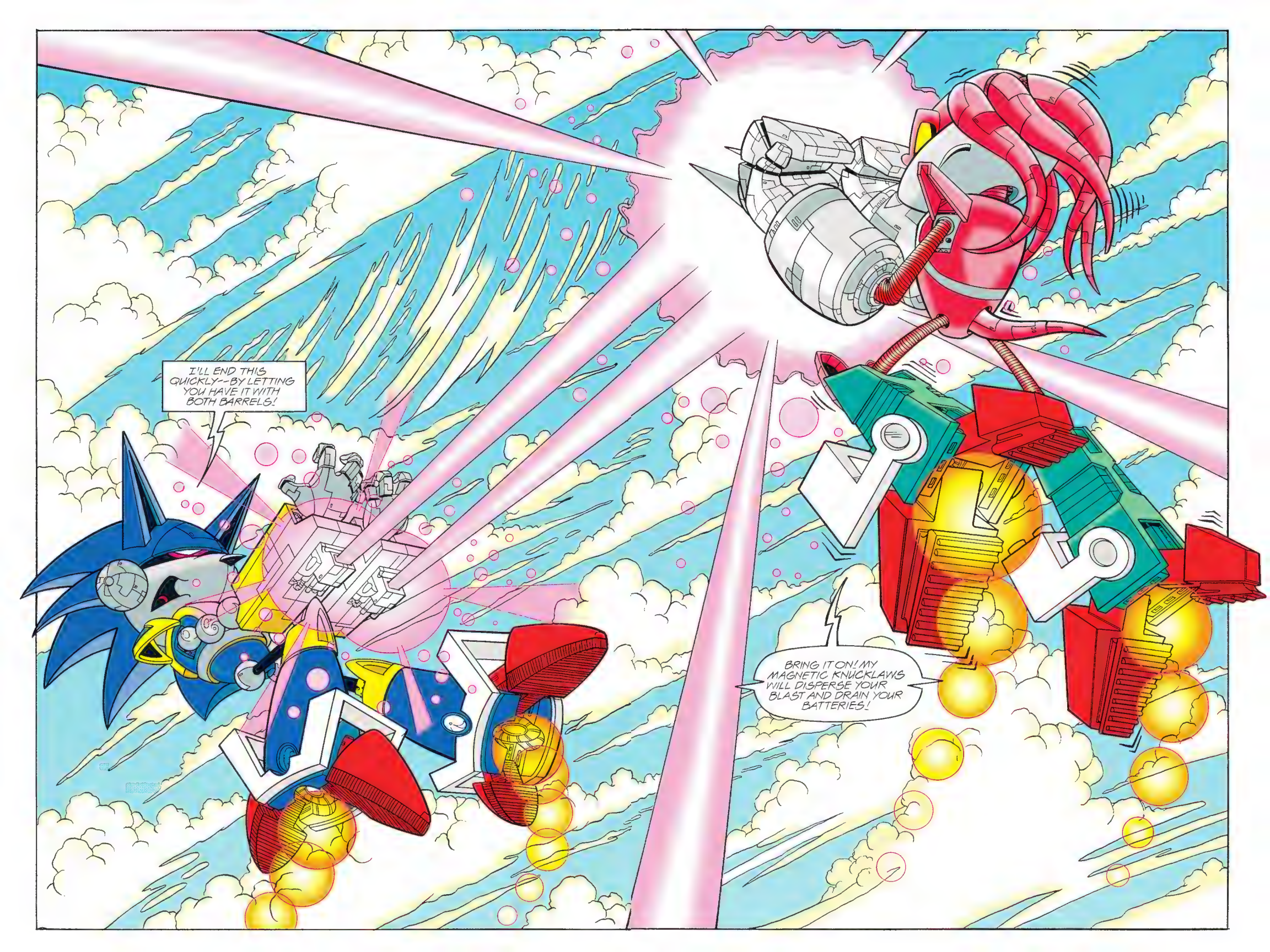
IN YOUR
FACE!

RIGHT! MECHA-SONIC
HAS ALREADY BATTLED
BUNNIE AND KNUCKLES IN
HIS NORMAL FORM!!!

AWP!

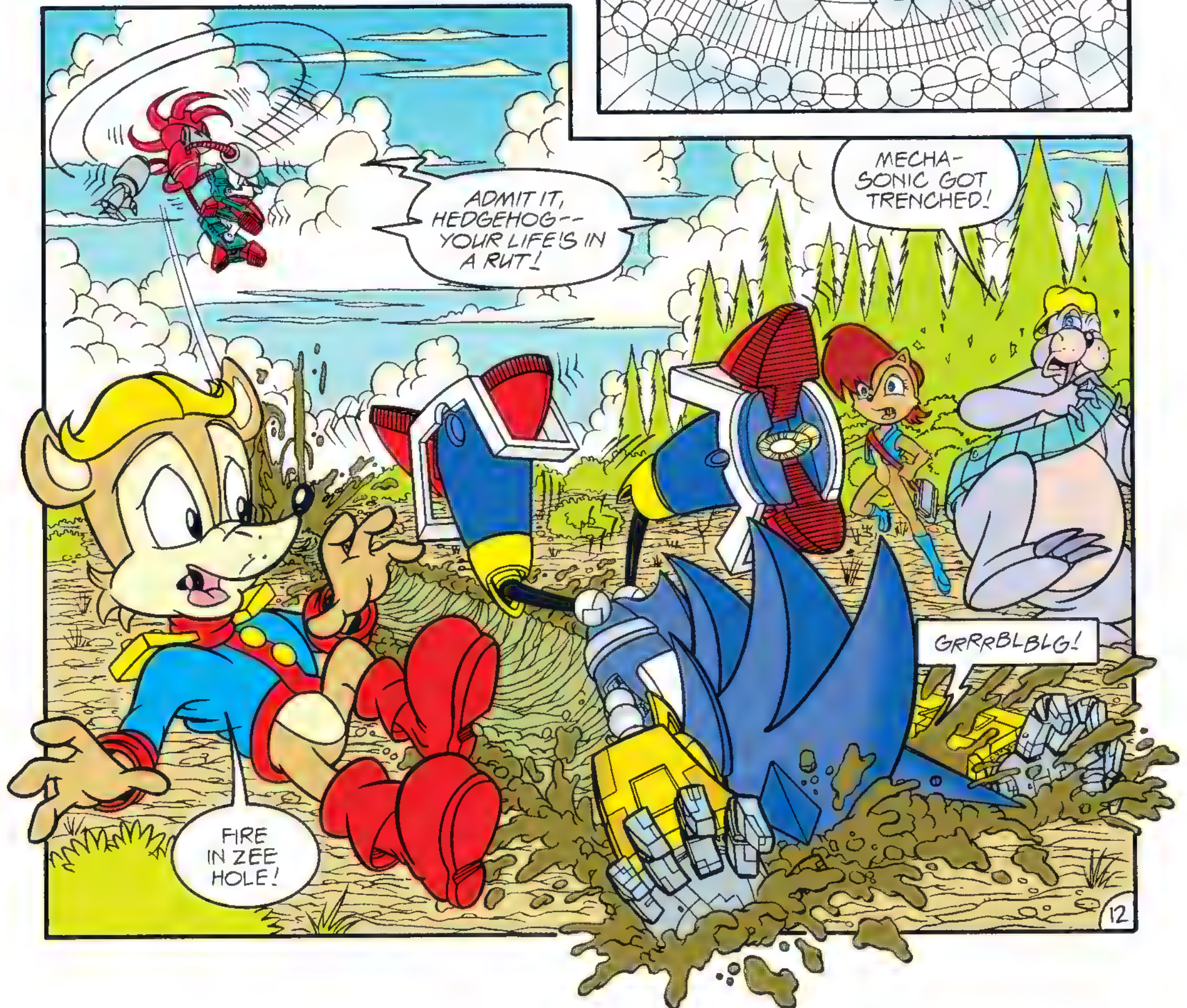
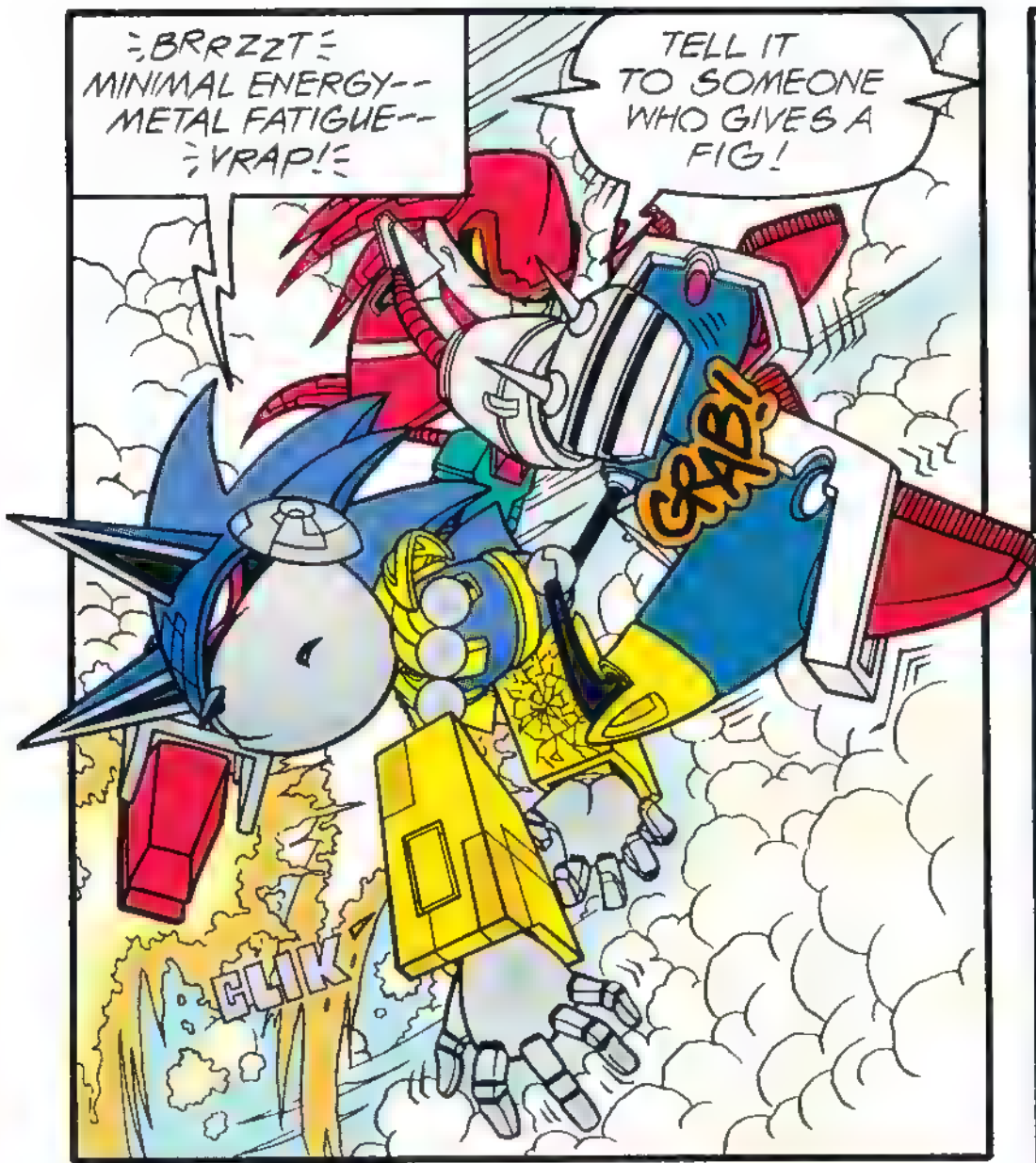
LOOKY YONDER!!!
TAILS IS COMIN' IN
LOW!

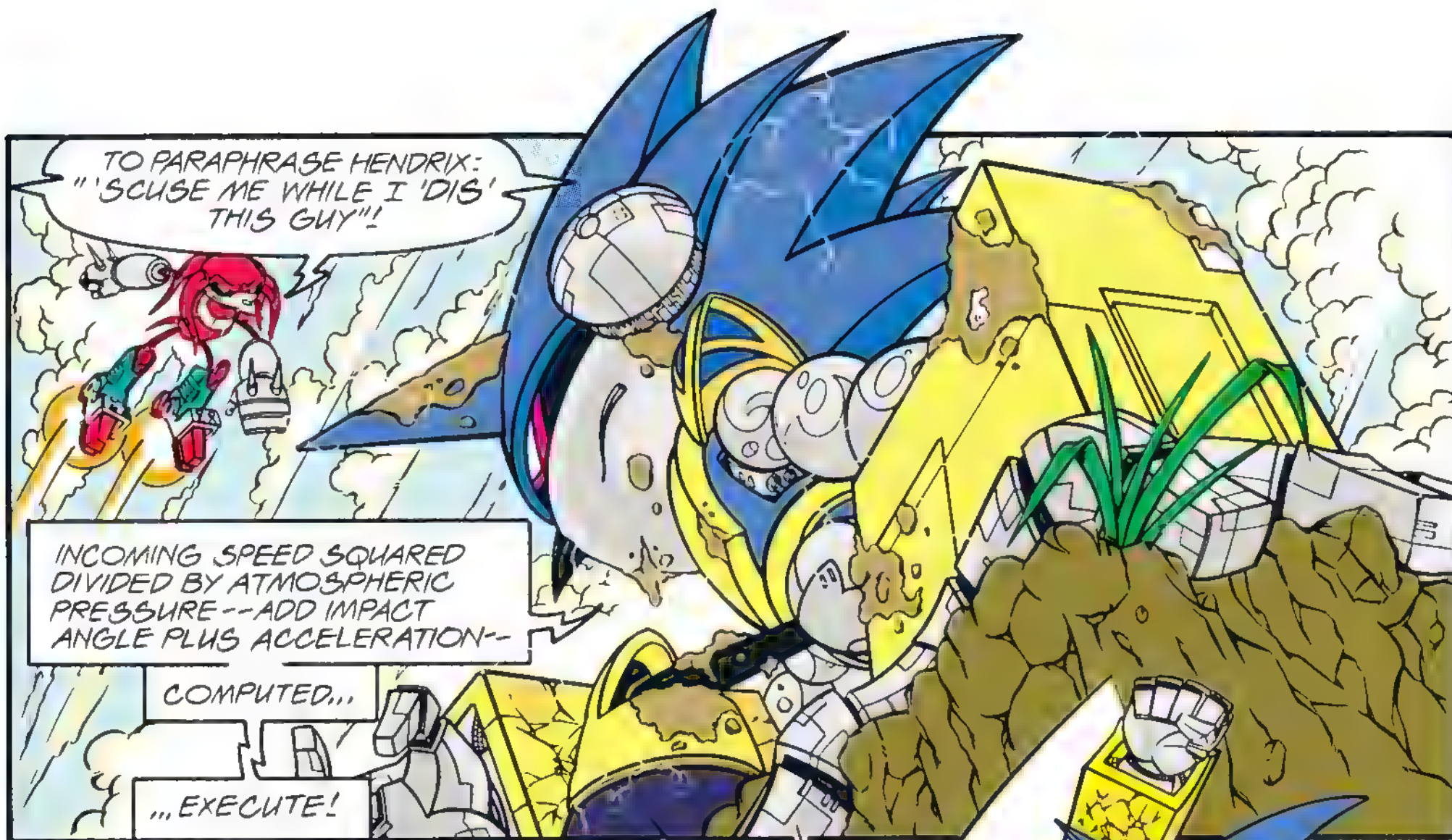
PLUS YOU LET
THE ECHIDNA KEEP
HIS FREE WILL!!!



I'LL END THIS QUICKLY--BY LETTING YOU HAVE IT WITH BOTH BARRELS!

BRING IT ON! MY MAGNETIC KNUCKLAWS WILL DISPERSE YOUR BLAST AND DRAIN YOUR BATTERIES!



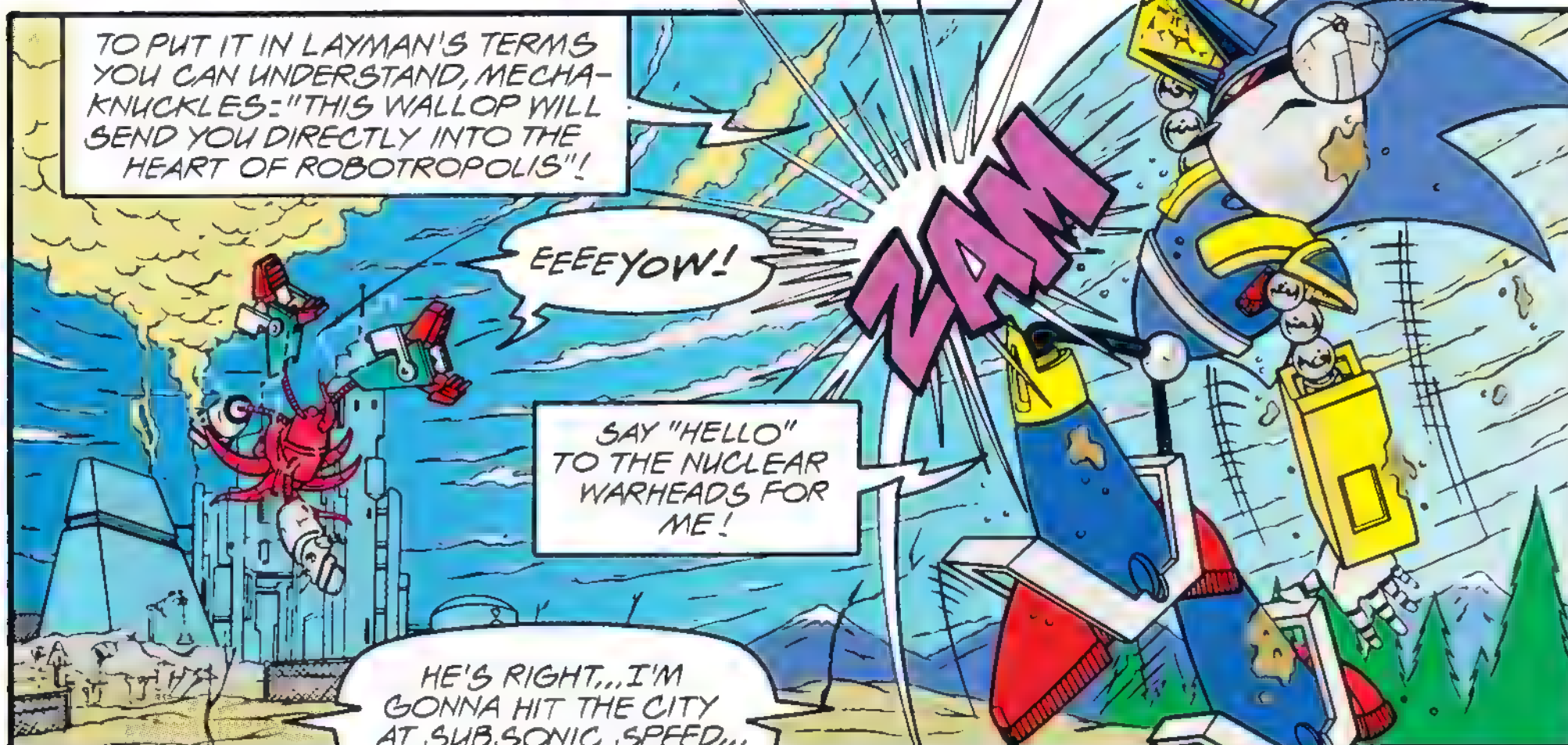


TO PARAPHRASE HENDRIX:
" 'SCUSE ME WHILE I 'DIS'
THIS GUY!"

INCOMING SPEED SQUARED
DIVIDED BY ATMOSPHERIC
PRESSURE--ADD IMPACT
ANGLE PLUS ACCELERATION--

COMPUTED...

...EXECUTE!

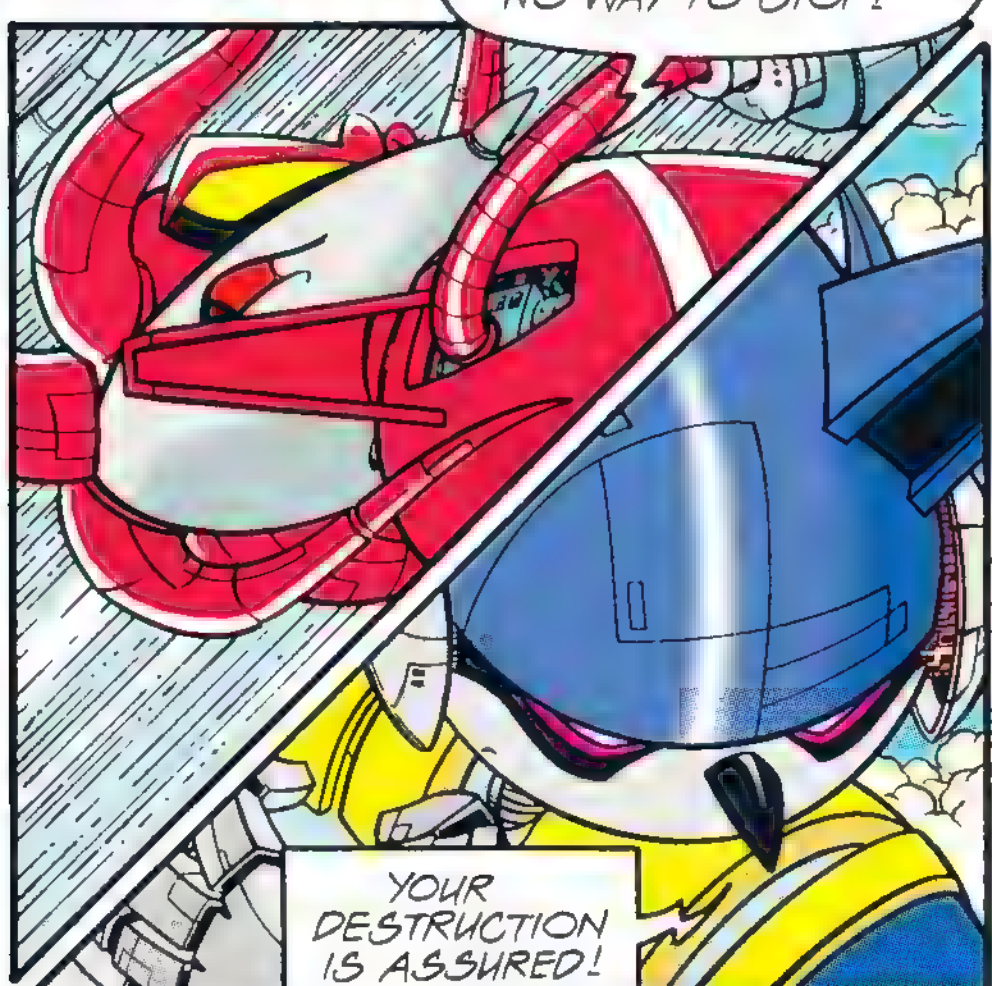


TO PUT IT IN LAYMAN'S TERMS
YOU CAN UNDERSTAND, MECHA-
KNUCKLES: "THIS WALLOP WILL
SEND YOU DIRECTLY INTO THE
HEART OF ROBOTROPOLIS!"

EEEEYOW!

SAY "HELLO"
TO THE NUCLEAR
WARHEADS FOR
ME!

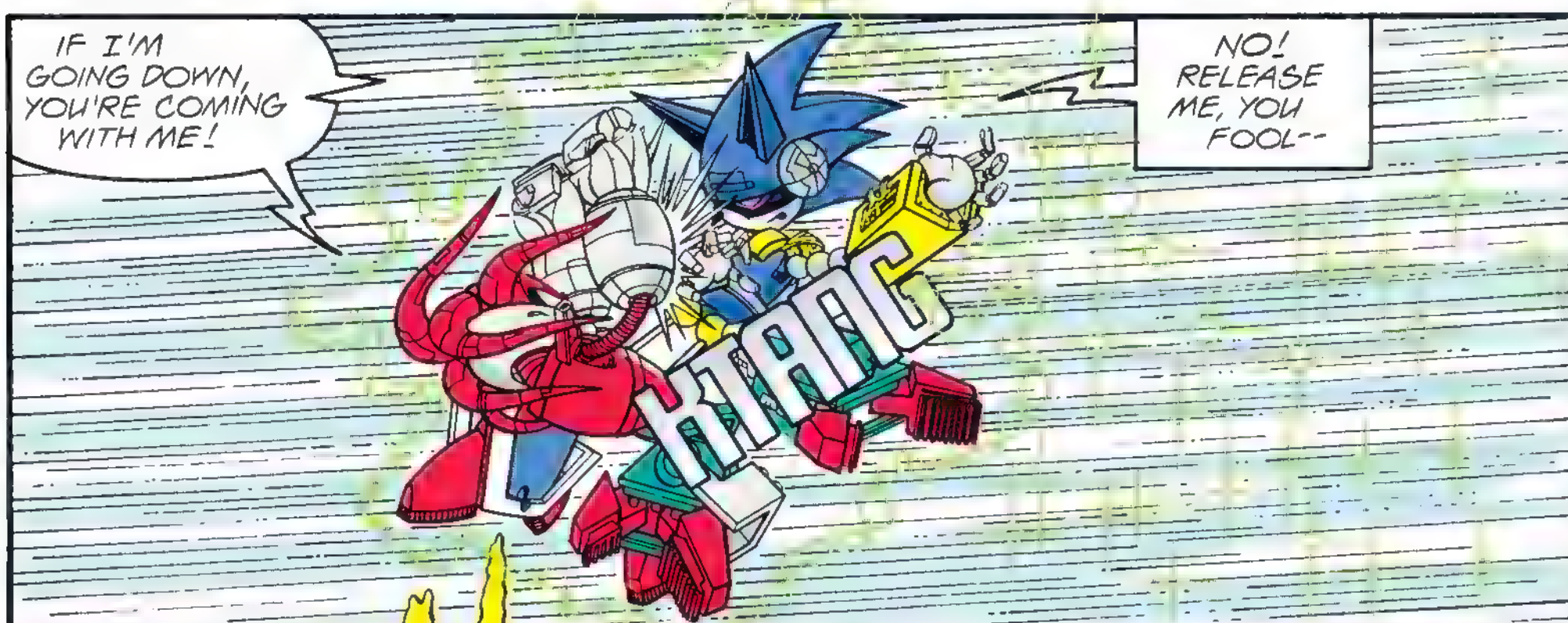
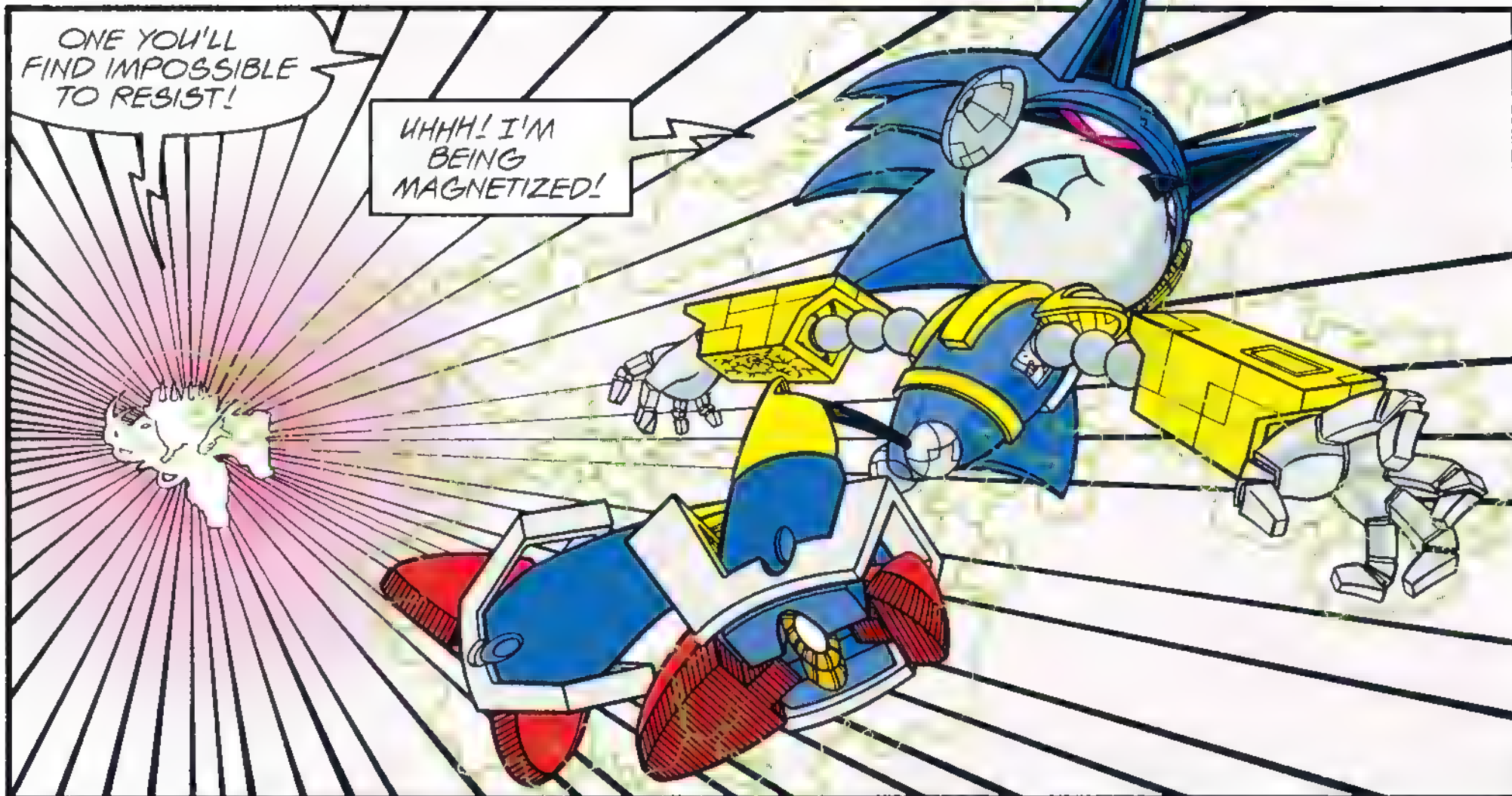
HE'S RIGHT...I'M
GONNA HIT THE CITY
AT SUBSONIC SPEED...
NO WAY TO STOP!



YOUR
DESTRUCTION
IS ASSURED!



BUT I DON'T LIKE TO
TRAVEL ALONE, MECHA-
SONIC! BY INVERTING THE
POLARITY IN MY CLAWS,
I CREATE A MASSIVE
MAGNETIC FIELD!



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THE HEDGEHOG...

MECHA MADNESS

PART III

...COULDN'T HAVE
SURVIVED THAT BLAST...
EVEN IN HIS MECHANIZED
FORM!

I DOUBT
M'SIEU ECHIDNA
COULD HAVE,
EITHER...

INDEED...
THE ODDS ARE
AGAINST
IT.

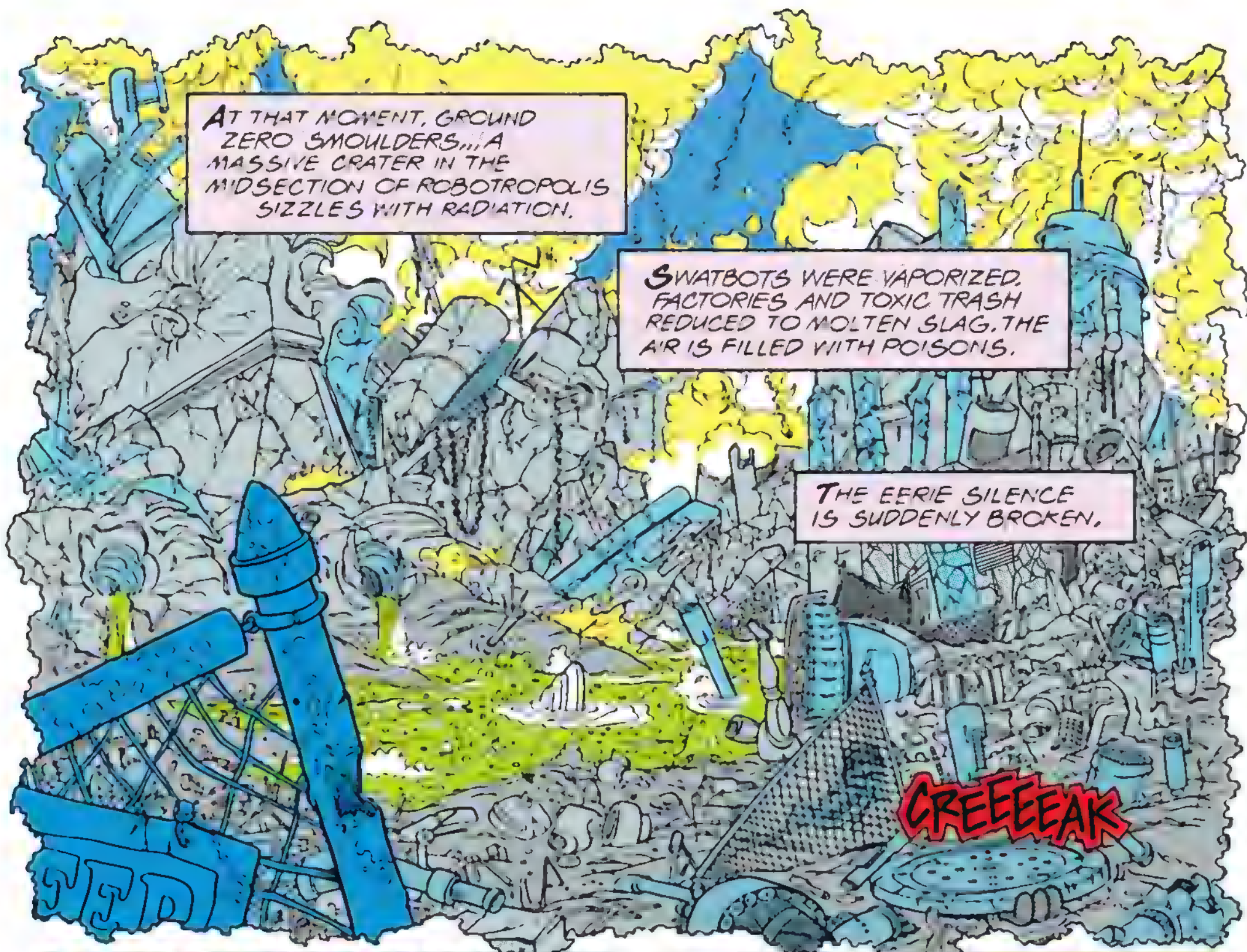
THEN SONIC...
=SOB=...AND KNUCKLES
...=HUCK=

=CHOKE= EXCUSE
ME A MOMENT... I...
=SNIFFLE= I'VE GOT
FALLOUT IN MY EYE...

GOSH! IT'S
NOT ALWAYS EASY
AT THE TOP...

OUI... UNEASY
'ANGS ZEE
CROWN!

I'D BE UNEASY
IF I WERE AT
GROUND ZERO!

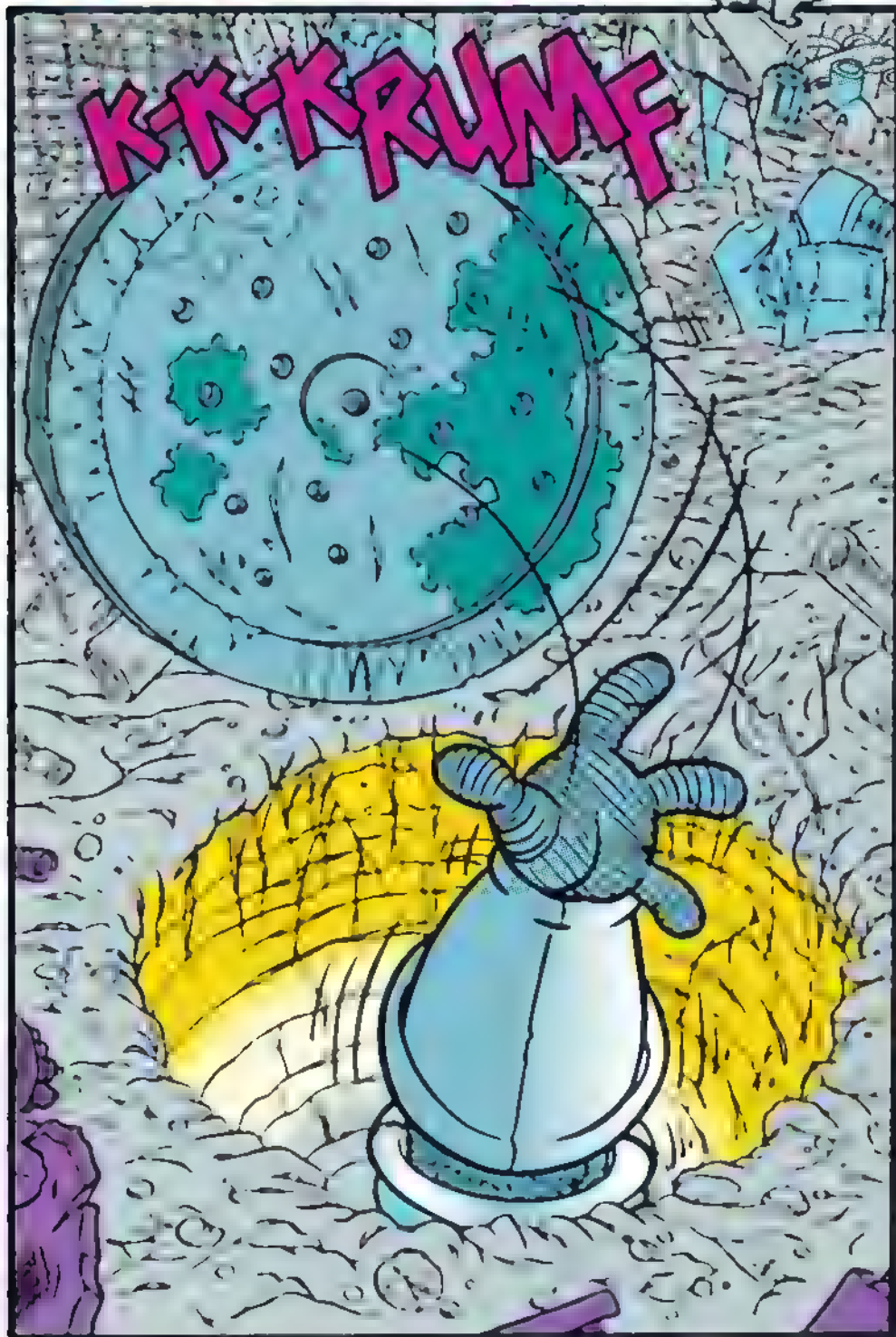


AT THAT MOMENT, GROUND ZERO SMOULDERS...A MASSIVE CRATER IN THE MIDSECTION OF ROBOTROPOLIS SIZZLES WITH RADIATION.

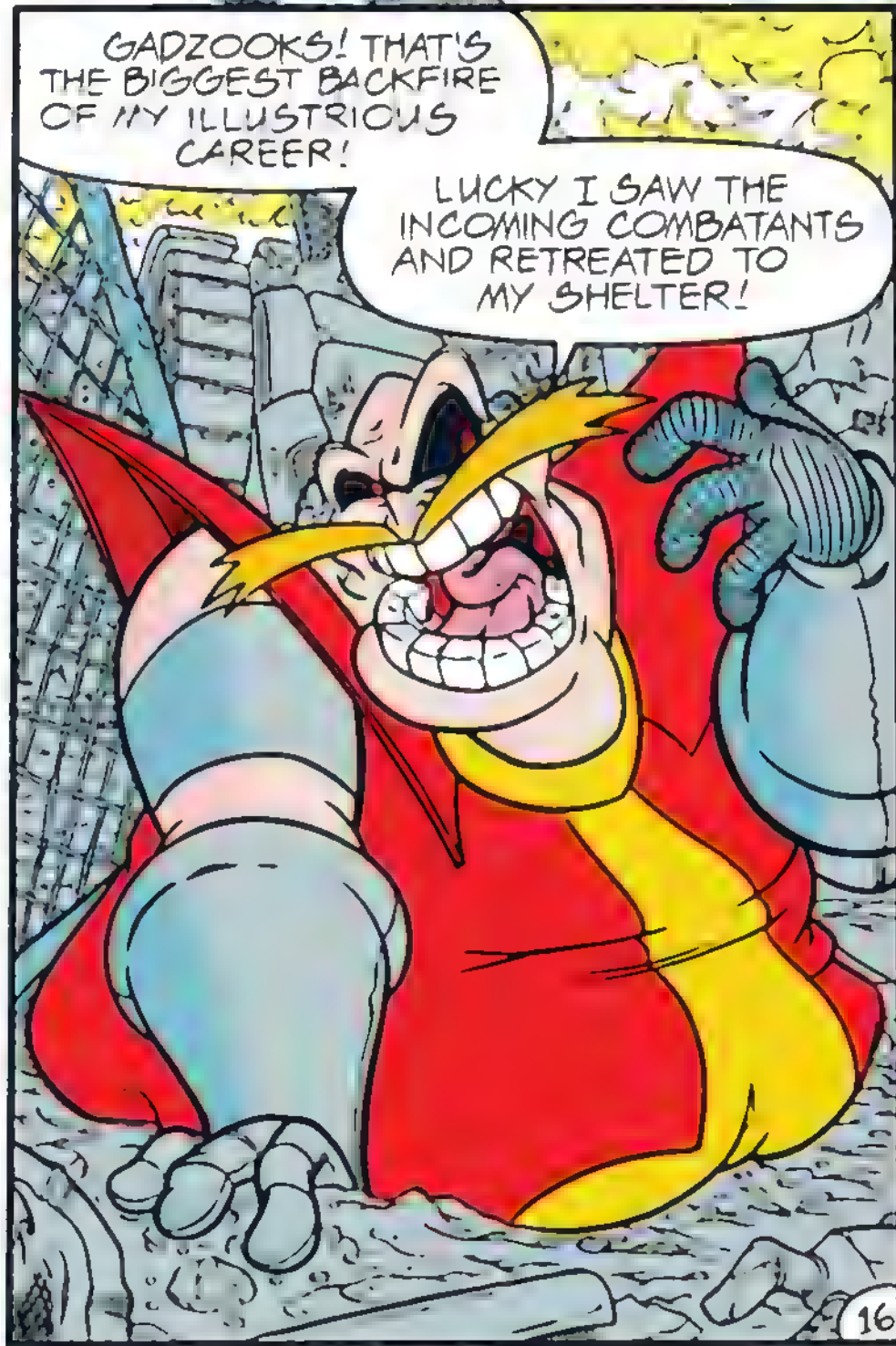
SWATBOTS WERE VAPORIZED, FACTORIES AND TOXIC TRASH REDUCED TO MOLTEN SLAG. THE AIR IS FILLED WITH POISONS.

THE EERIE SILENCE IS SUDDENLY BROKEN,

CREEEEAK

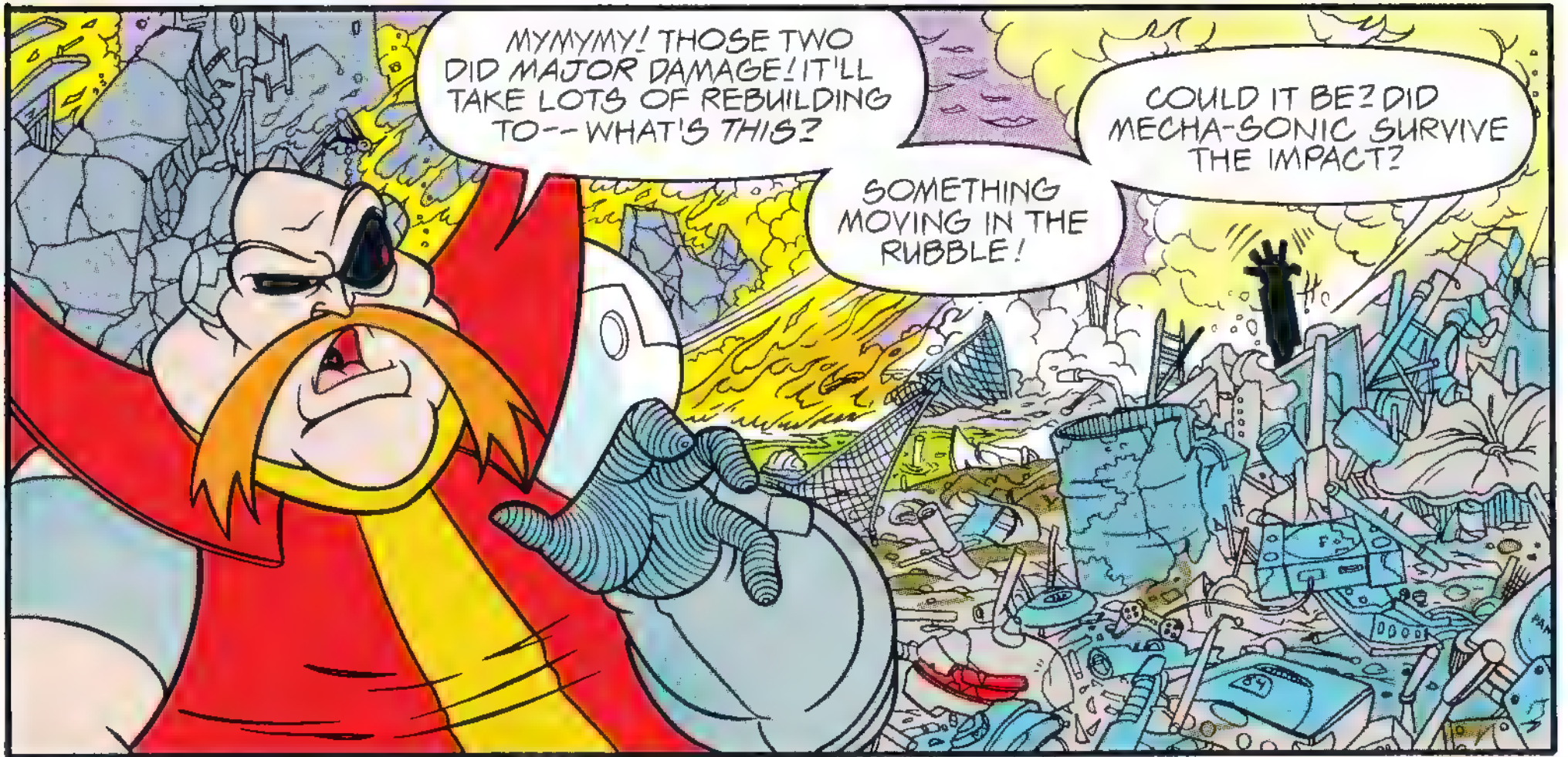


K-K-KRUMF



GADZOOKS! THAT'S THE BIGGEST BACKFIRE OF MY ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER!

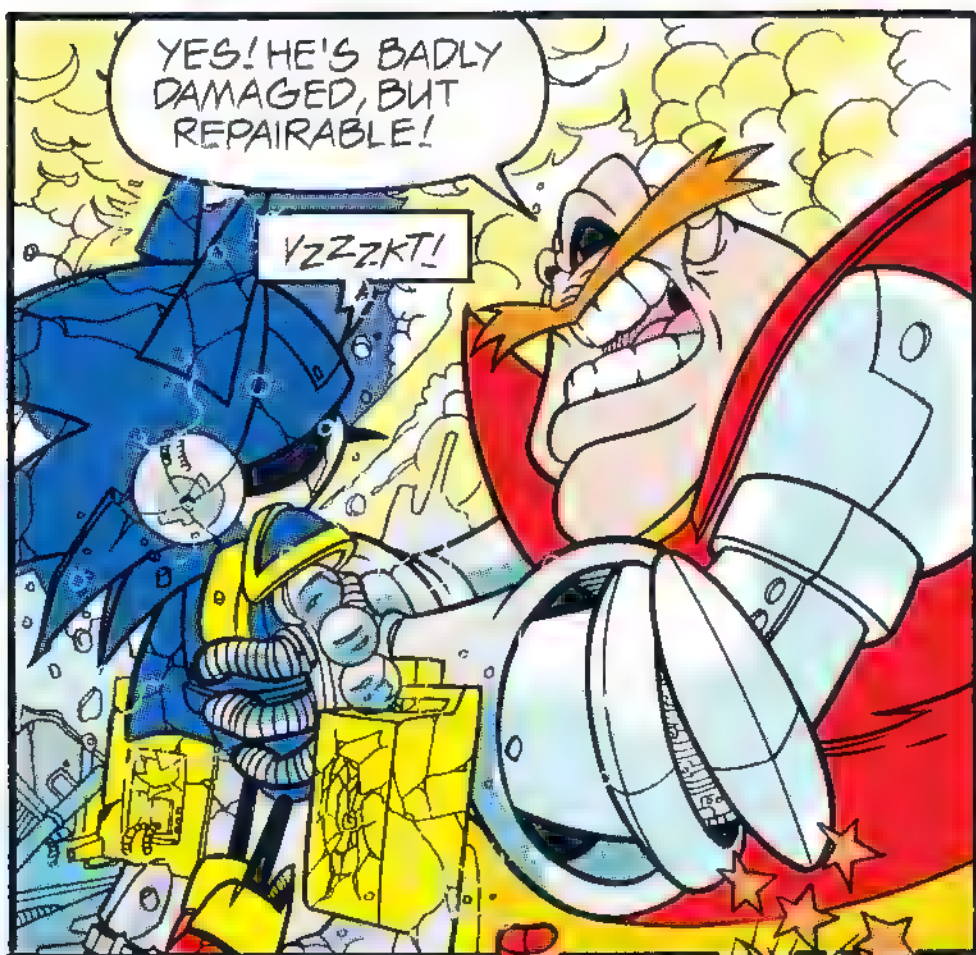
LUCKY I SAW THE INCOMING COMBATANTS AND RETREATED TO MY SHELTER!



MYMYMY! THOSE TWO DID MAJOR DAMAGE! IT'LL TAKE LOTS OF REBUILDING TO-- WHAT'S THIS?

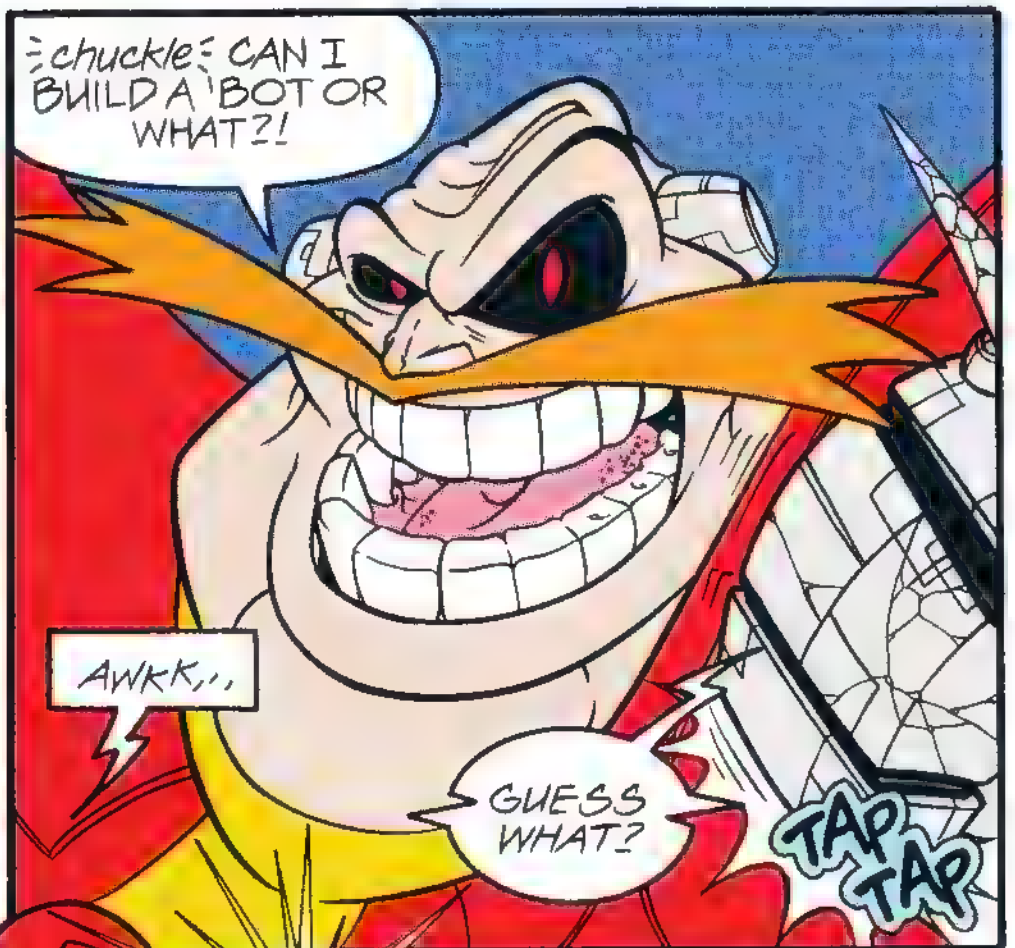
COULD IT BE? DID MECHA-SONIC SURVIVE THE IMPACT?

SOMETHING MOVING IN THE RUBBLE!



YES! HE'S BADLY DAMAGED, BUT REPAIRABLE!

VZZZKT!

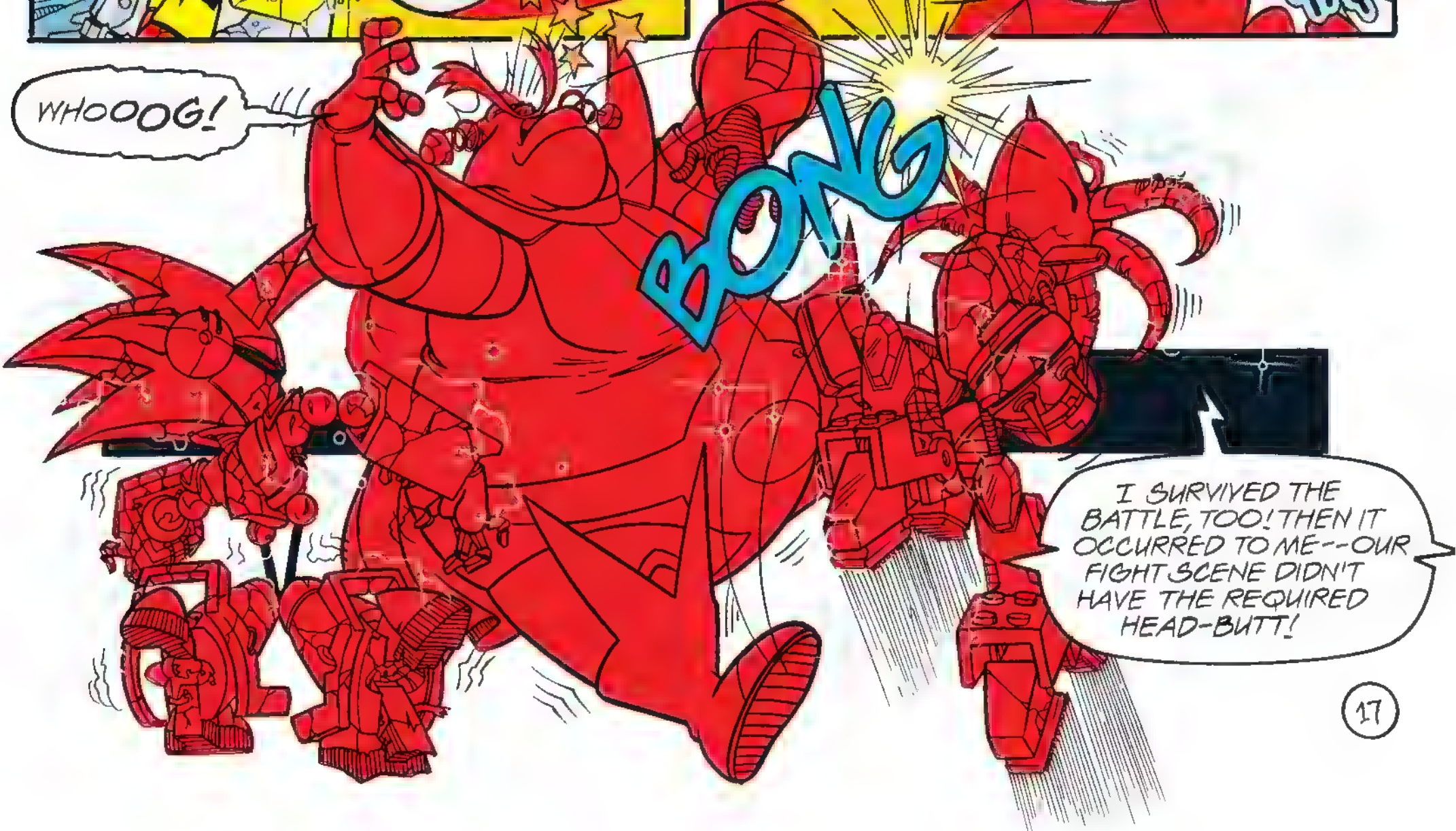


~chuckle~ CAN I BUILD A 'BOT OR WHAT?!

AWKK...

GUESS WHAT?

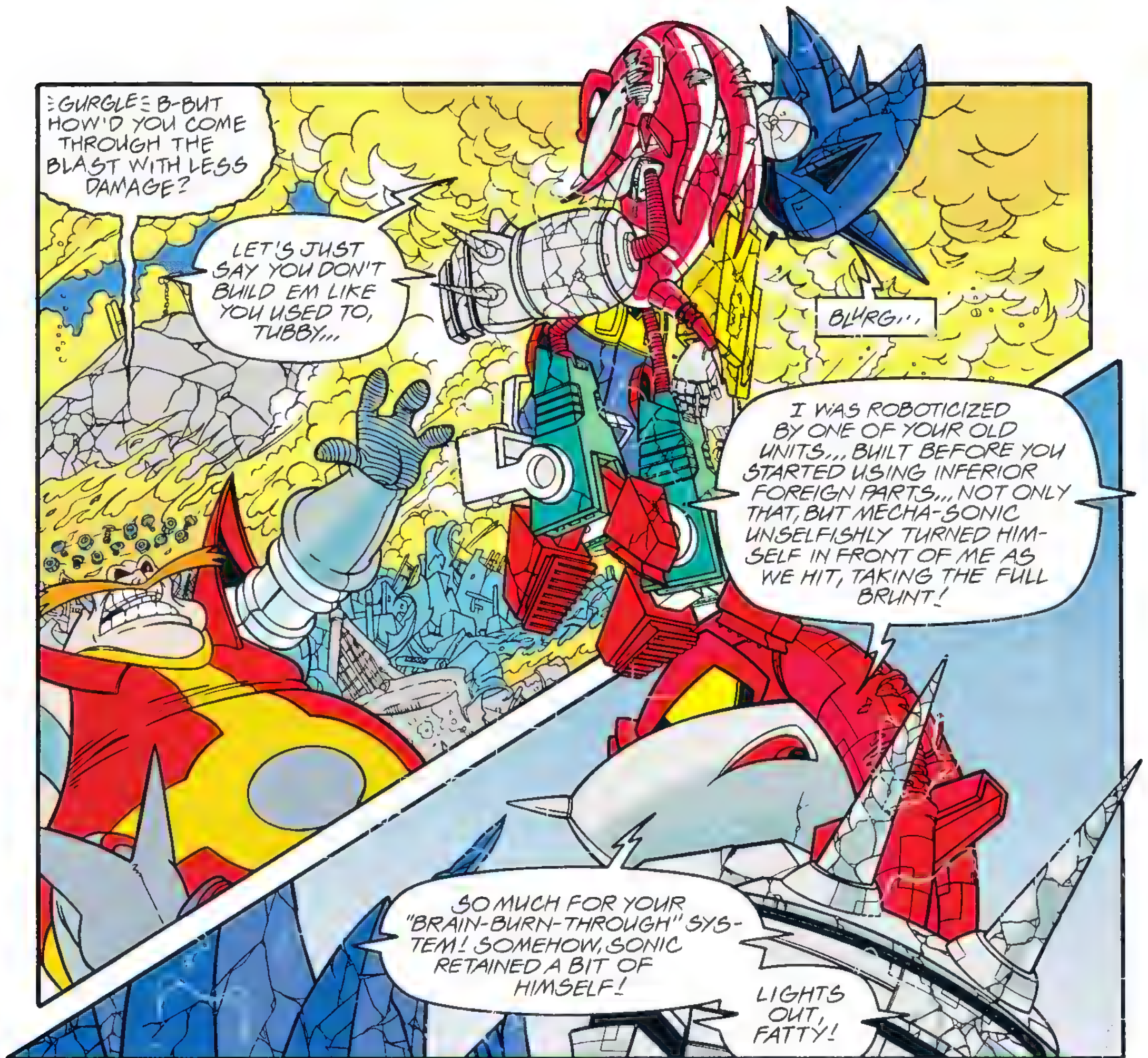
TAP TAP



WHOOOG!

BONG

I SURVIVED THE BATTLE, TOO! THEN IT OCCURRED TO ME--OUR FIGHT SCENE DIDN'T HAVE THE REQUIRED HEAD-BUTT!



≡GURGLE≡B-BUT
HOW'D YOU COME
THROUGH THE
BLAST WITH LESS
DAMAGE?

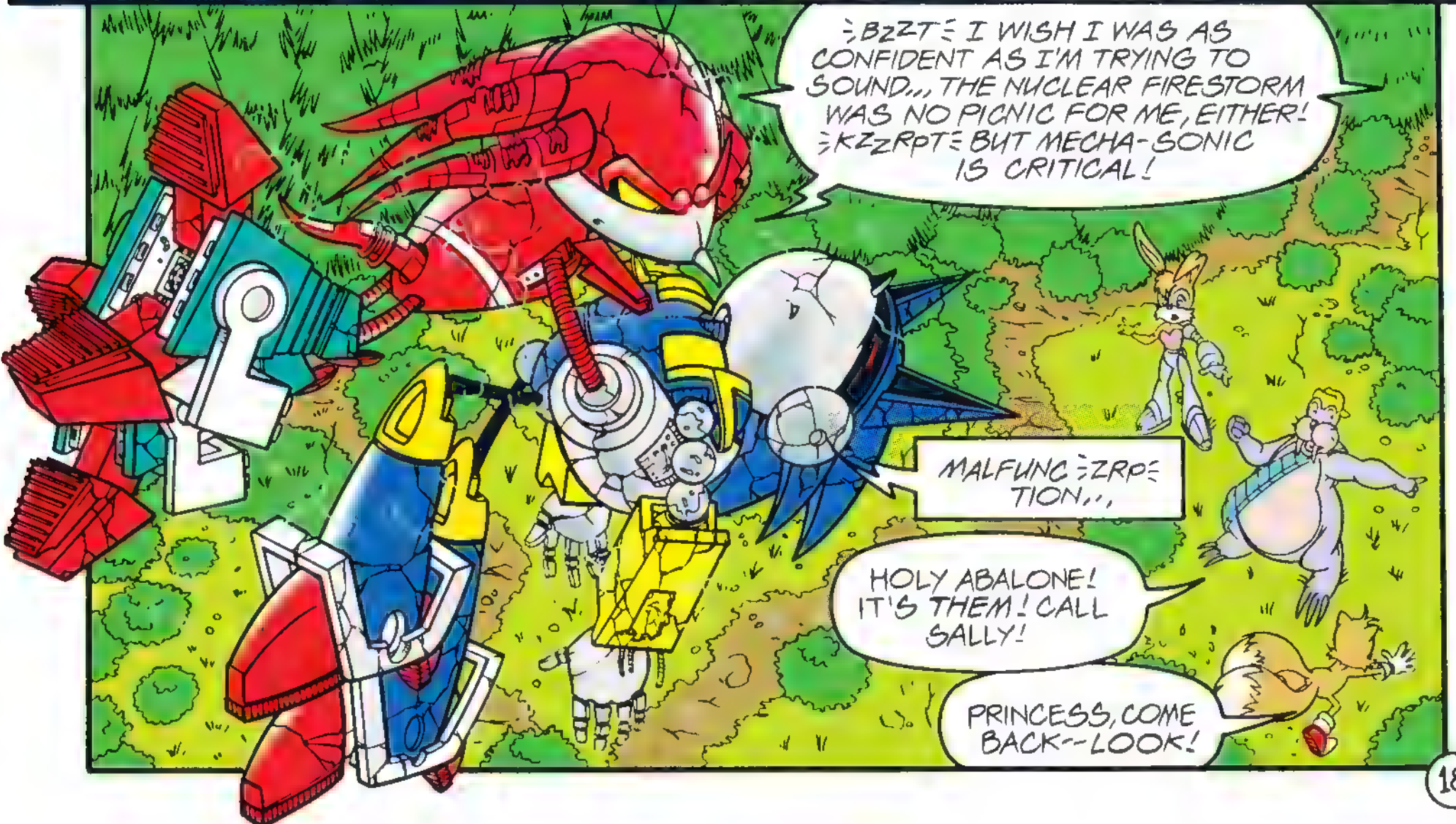
LET'S JUST
SAY YOU DON'T
BUILD 'EM LIKE
YOU USED TO,
TUBBY...

BLURG...

I WAS ROBOTICIZED
BY ONE OF YOUR OLD
UNITS... BUILT BEFORE YOU
STARTED USING INFERIOR
FOREIGN PARTS... NOT ONLY
THAT, BUT MECHA-SONIC
UNSELFISHLY TURNED HIM-
SELF IN FRONT OF ME AS
WE HIT, TAKING THE FULL
BRUNT!

SO MUCH FOR YOUR
"BRAIN-BURN-THROUGH" SYS-
TEM! SOMEHOW, SONIC
RETAINED A BIT OF
HIMSELF!

LIGHTS
OUT,
FATTY!



≡BZZT≡ I WISH I WAS AS
CONFIDENT AS I'M TRYING TO
SOUND... THE NUCLEAR FIRESTORM
WAS NO PICNIC FOR ME, EITHER!
≡KZZRPT≡ BUT MECHA-SONIC
IS CRITICAL!

MALFUNC≡ZRP≡
TION...

HOLY ABALONE!
IT'S THEM! CALL
SALLY!

PRINCESS, COME
BACK--LOOK!

SONIC™

THE HEDGEHOG...

...IS ALIVE? OR
AT LEAST MECHA-
SONIC IS? OH,
KNUCKLES, YOU
DID IT!

MAYBE, SAL OLD
GAL... YOUR BOYFRIEND'S
IN BAD SHAPE!

MECHA WADNESS

PAINT

I'LL
SAY!

HMF!

BZZZZZZT!
CLICK!

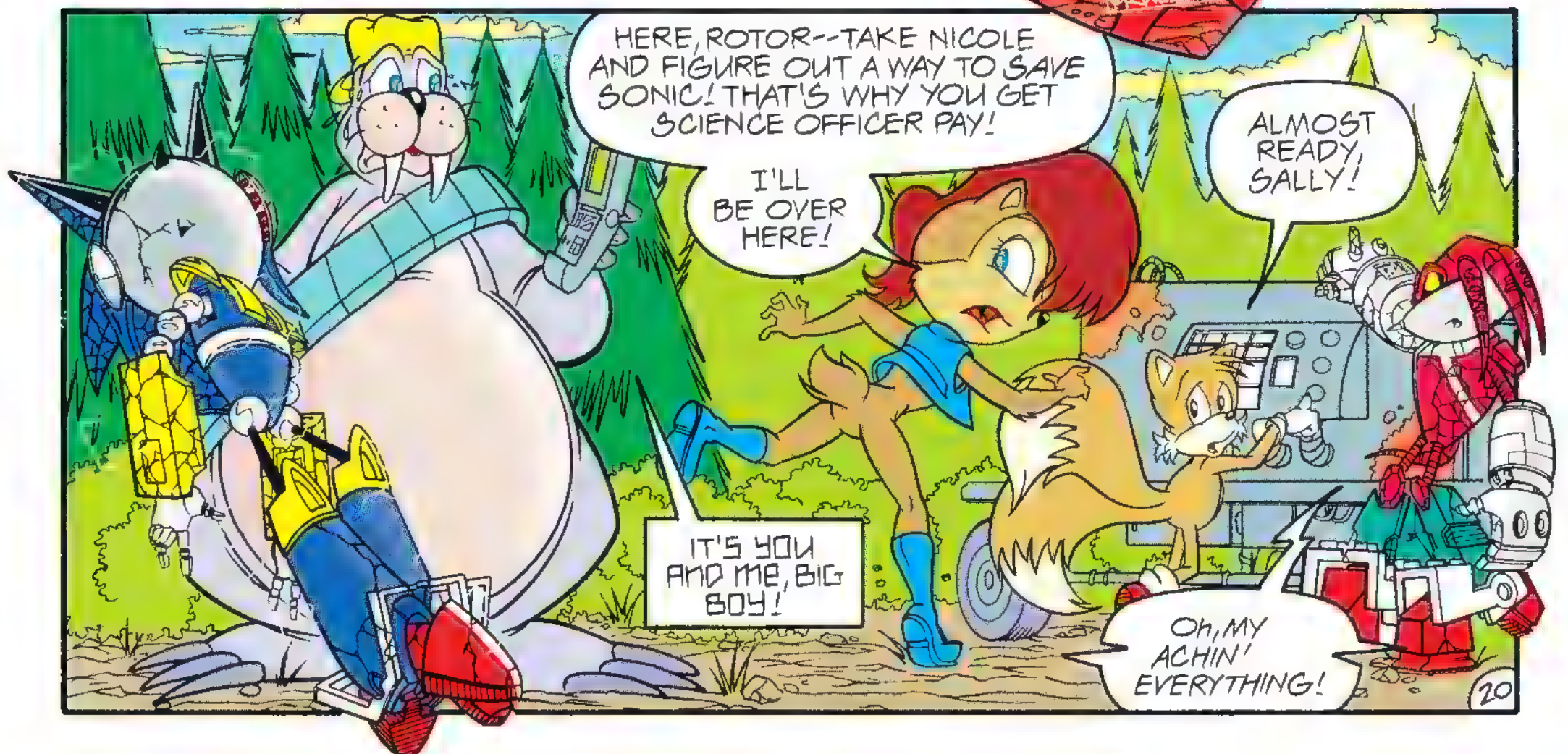
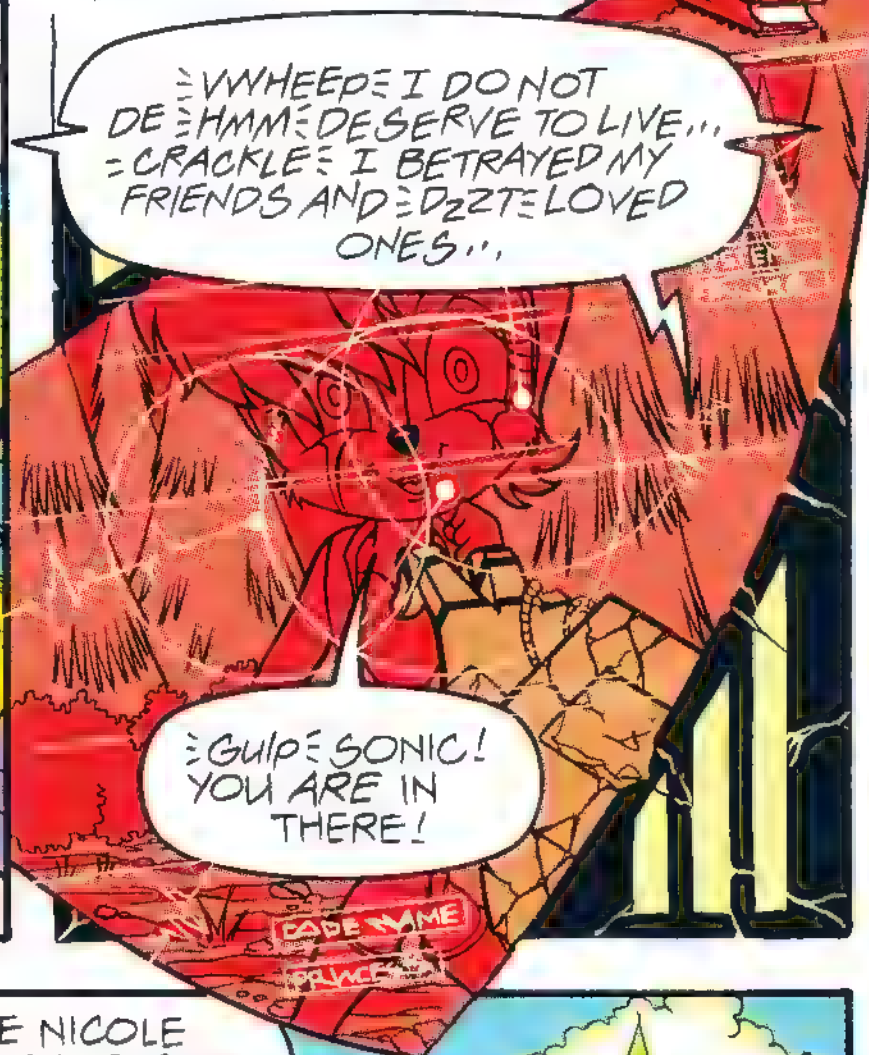
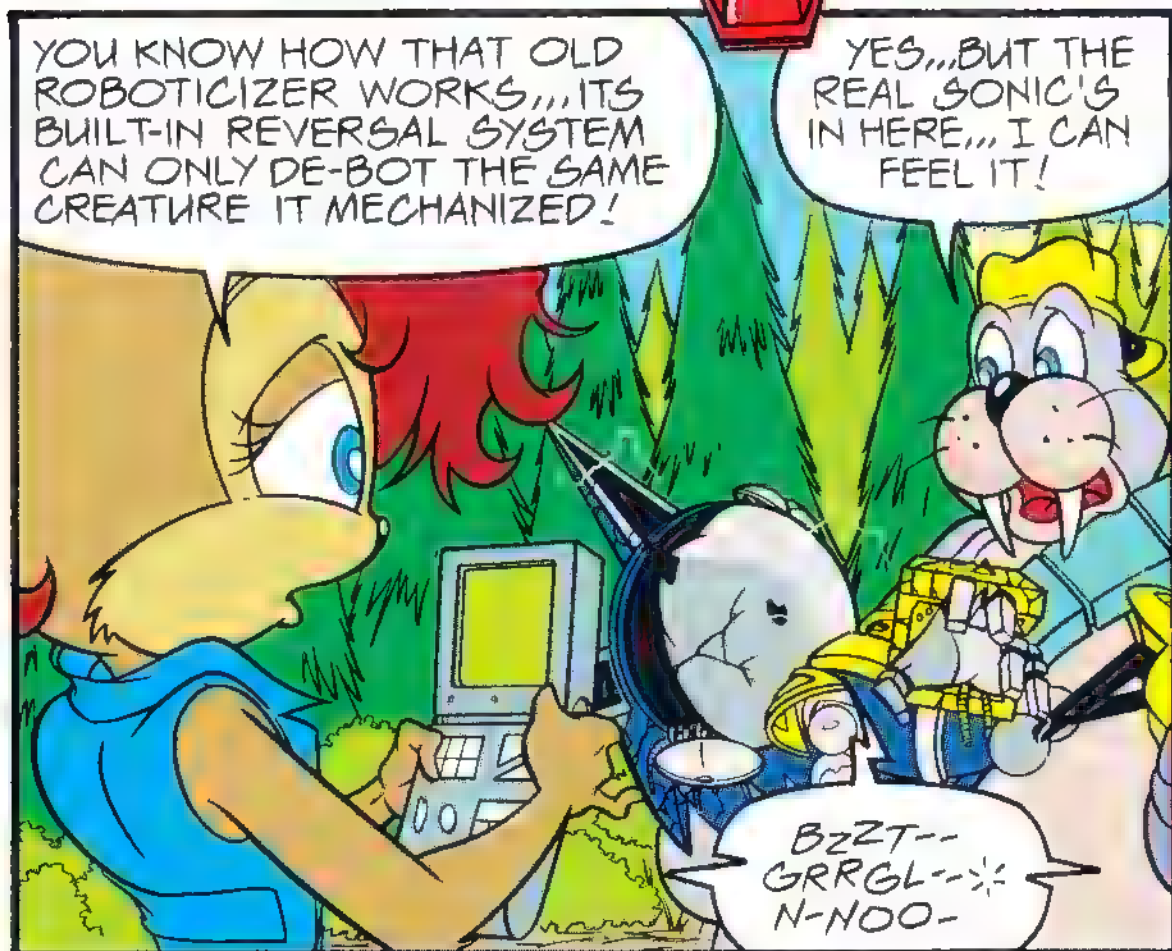
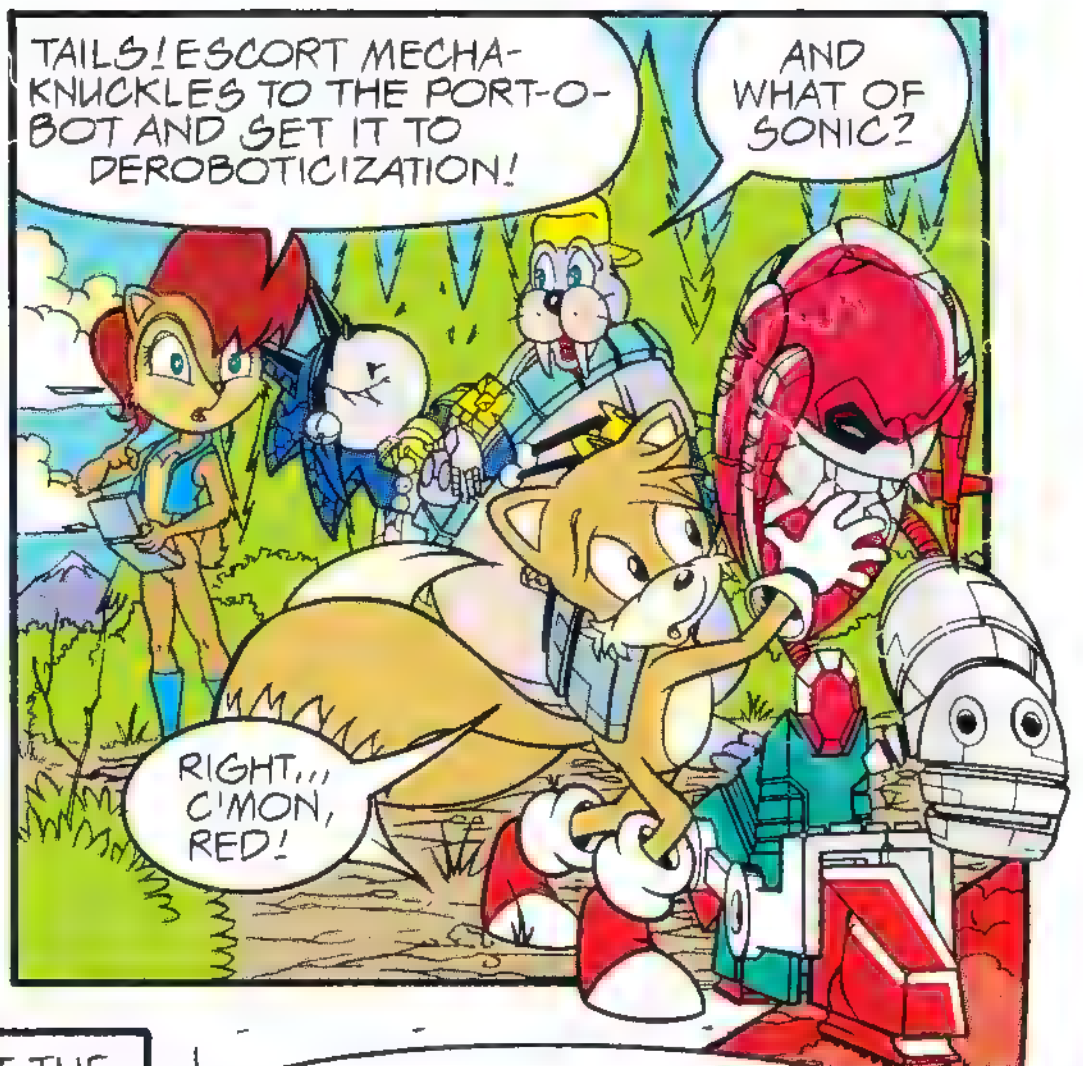
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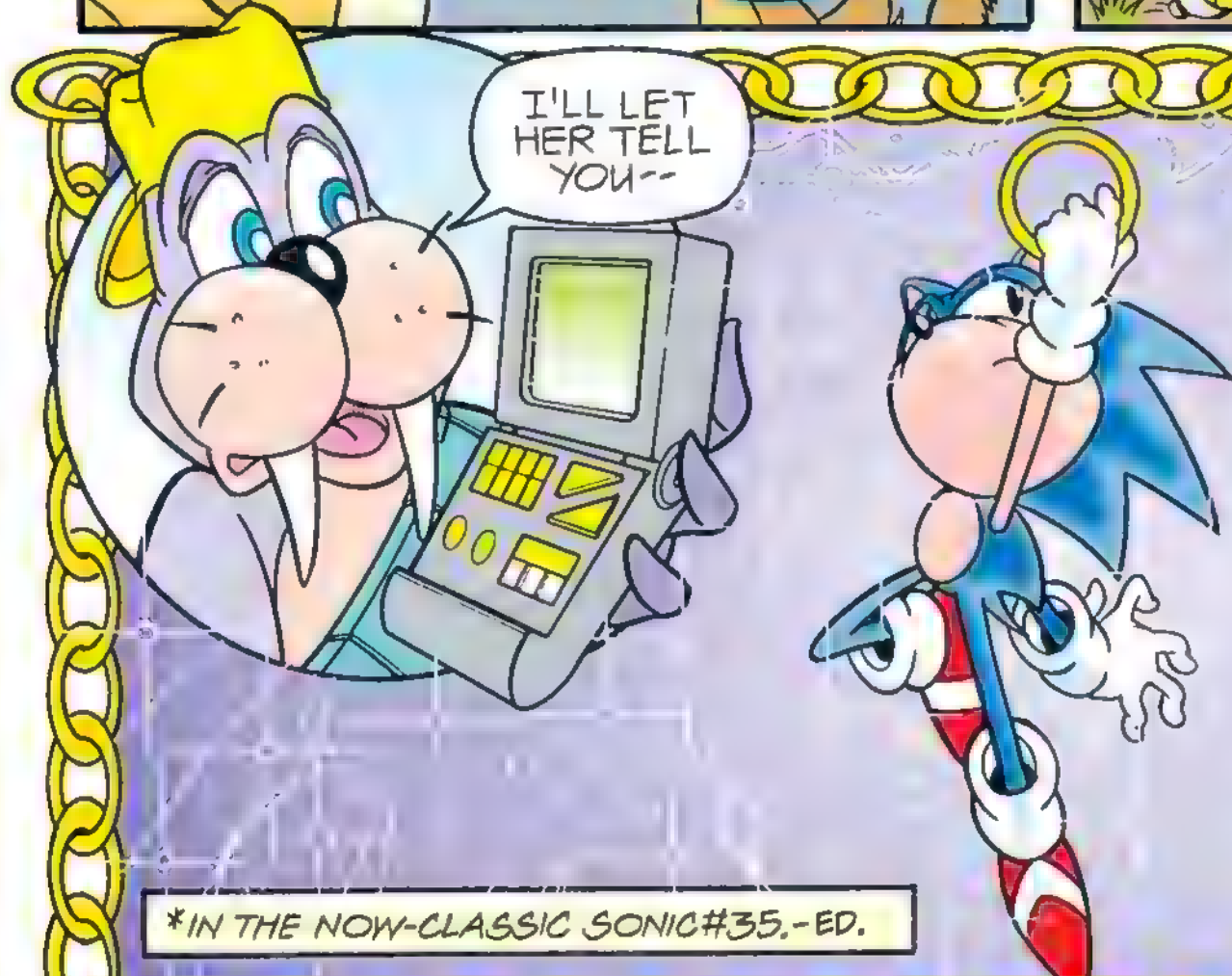
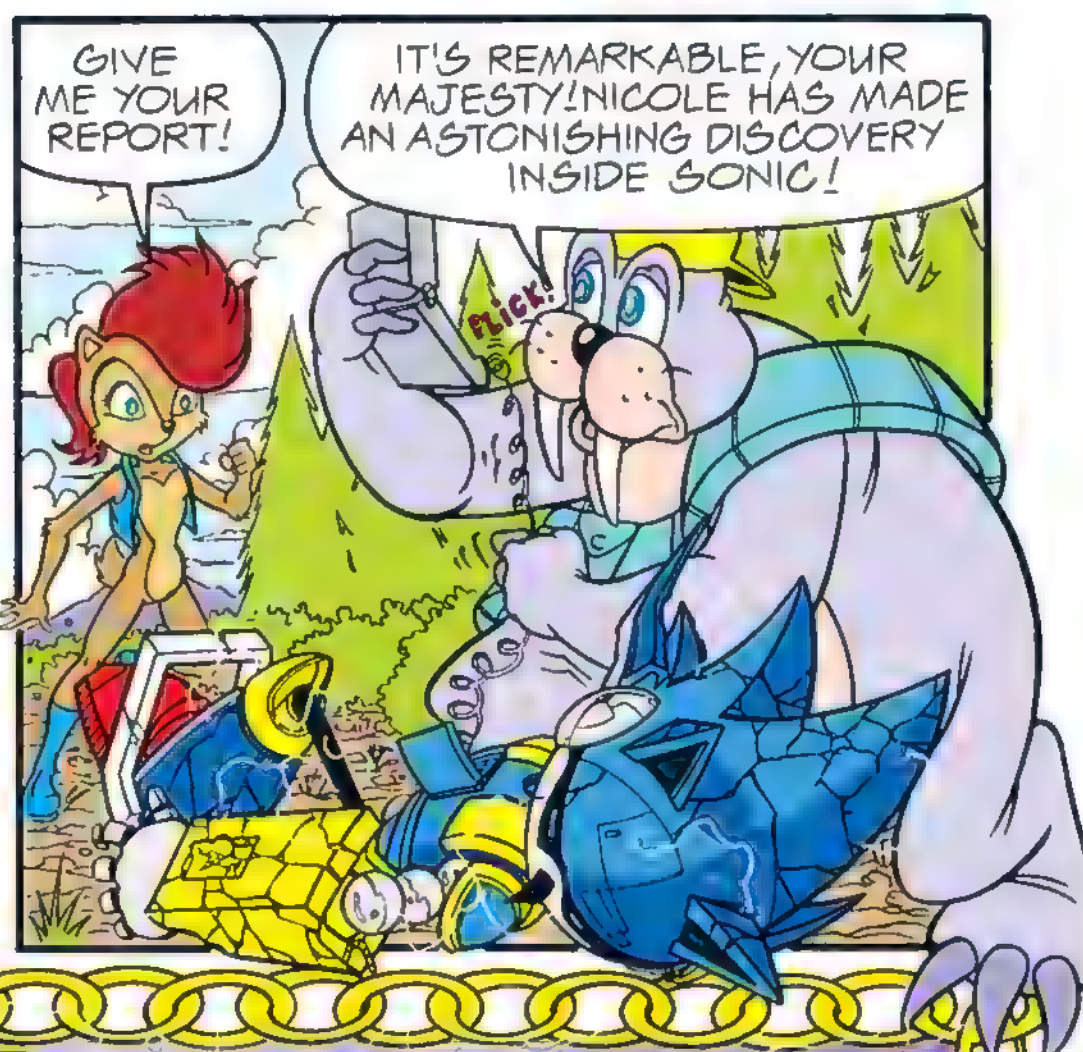
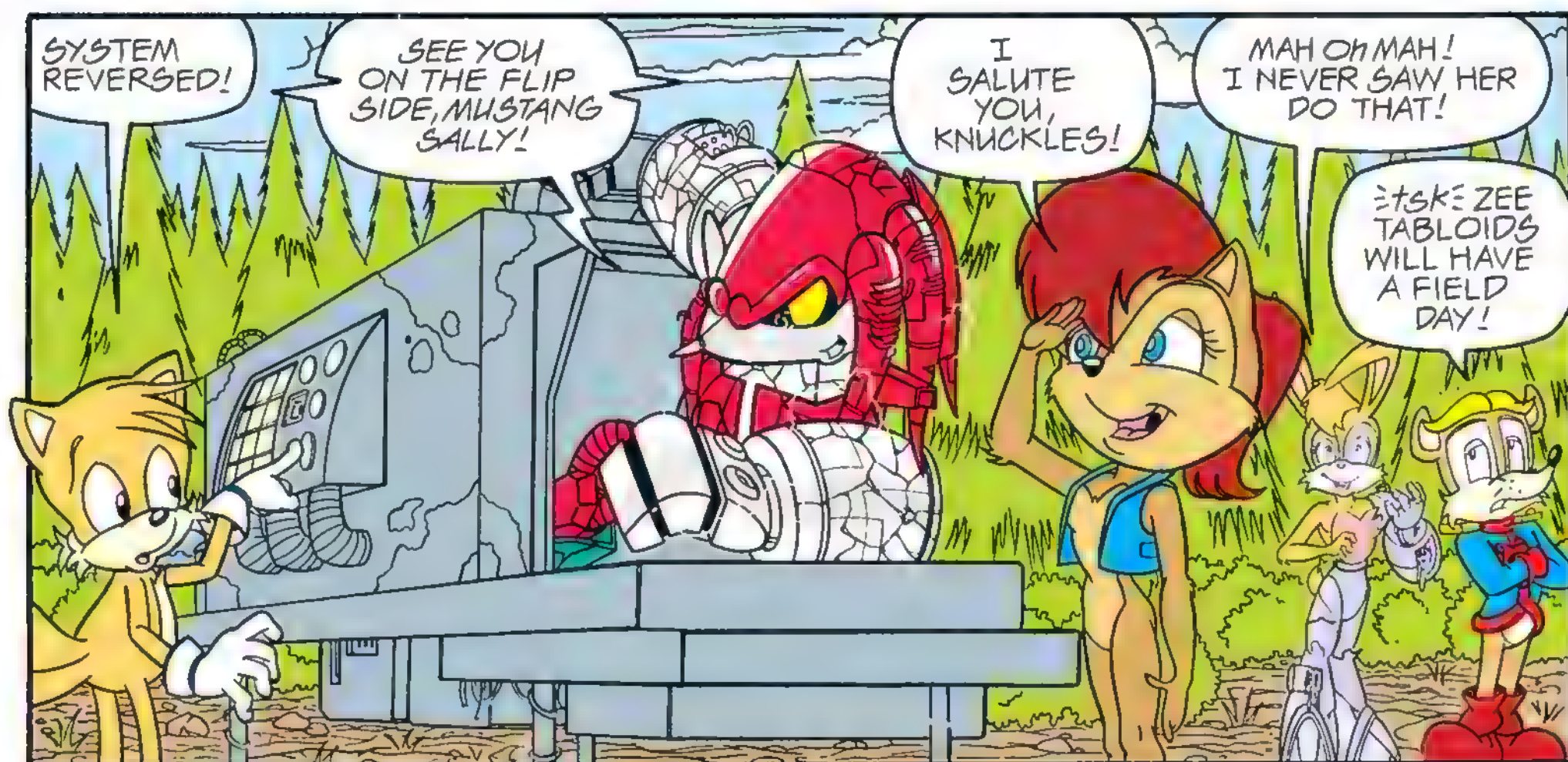
C'MERE, YOU
GREAT BIG HUNK
OF ECHIDNA...

OOF! EASY
KID... I'M
DAMAGED
GOODS, TOO!

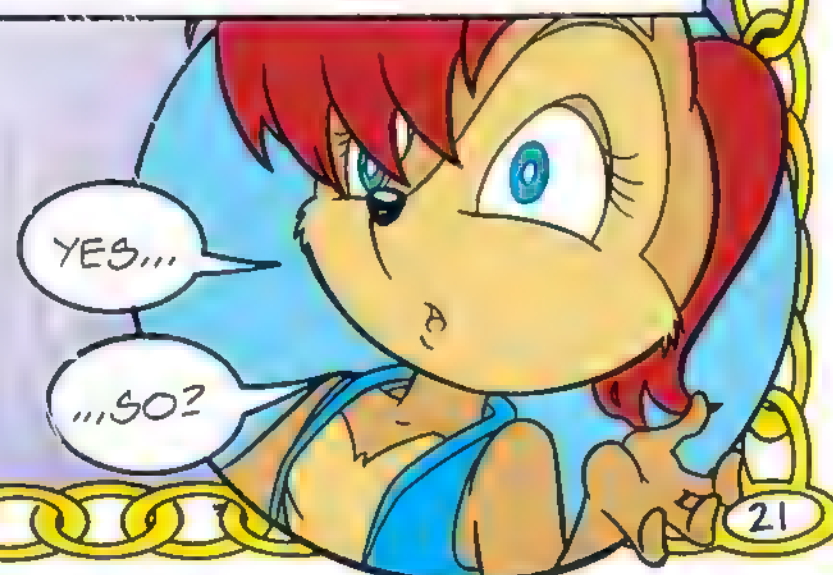
CLK

CONFIRMED...
MECHA-KNUCKLES'
TOLERANCE LEVELS
BEYOND MAXIMUM.
DANGER OF
BURNOUT.





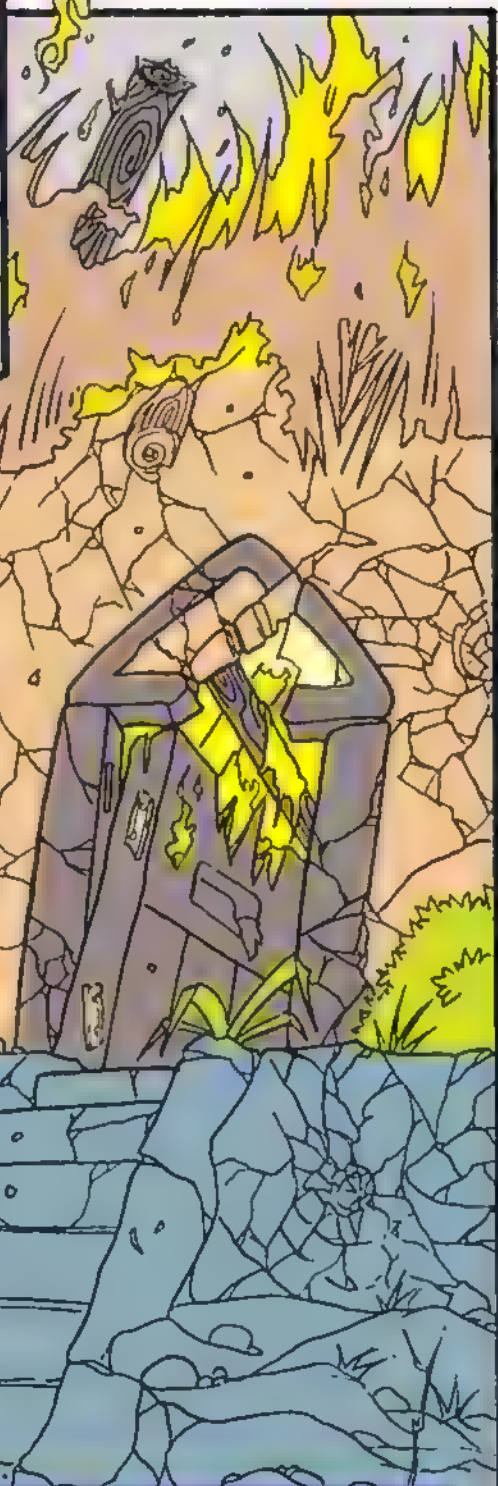
THANK YOU, ROTOR... AS WE ALL KNOW, SONIC RECENTLY ACQUIRED HIS ONE BILLIONTH MAGIC RING! IT TOOK HIM ON A SURREAL JOURNEY! WHEN IT BROUGHT HIM BACK TO THIS REALITY, THE RING SURROUNDED HIM WITH A PROTECTIVE MYSTICAL AURA.





UNKNOWN TO US, IT ALSO
CREATED AN INTERNAL SHIELD!
ALTHOUGH THIS AURA DIDN'T
PREVENT MECHANIZATION, IT
DID ABSORB AND RETAIN
SONIC'S "LIFE FORCE".

ROBOTNIK'S "BRAIN-BURN-
THROUGH" DEVICE COULDN'T
PENETRATE THE MAGIC
FIELD. SONIC'S PERSONALITY
STILL RESIDES THERE.



WONDERFUL!
LET'S RETRIEVE
IT A.S.A.P!

ERR...WELL--
HMM--OVER TO
YOU, ROTOR!

Oh,
THANKS
A LOT!

Ahem...SALLY, NORMALLY I'D HOOK
UP MECHA-SONIC TO MY LAB FULL OF
EQUIPMENT AND TRY TO BRING HIM
BACK...BUT IT'S TOAST ALONG WITH
THE REST OF KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!

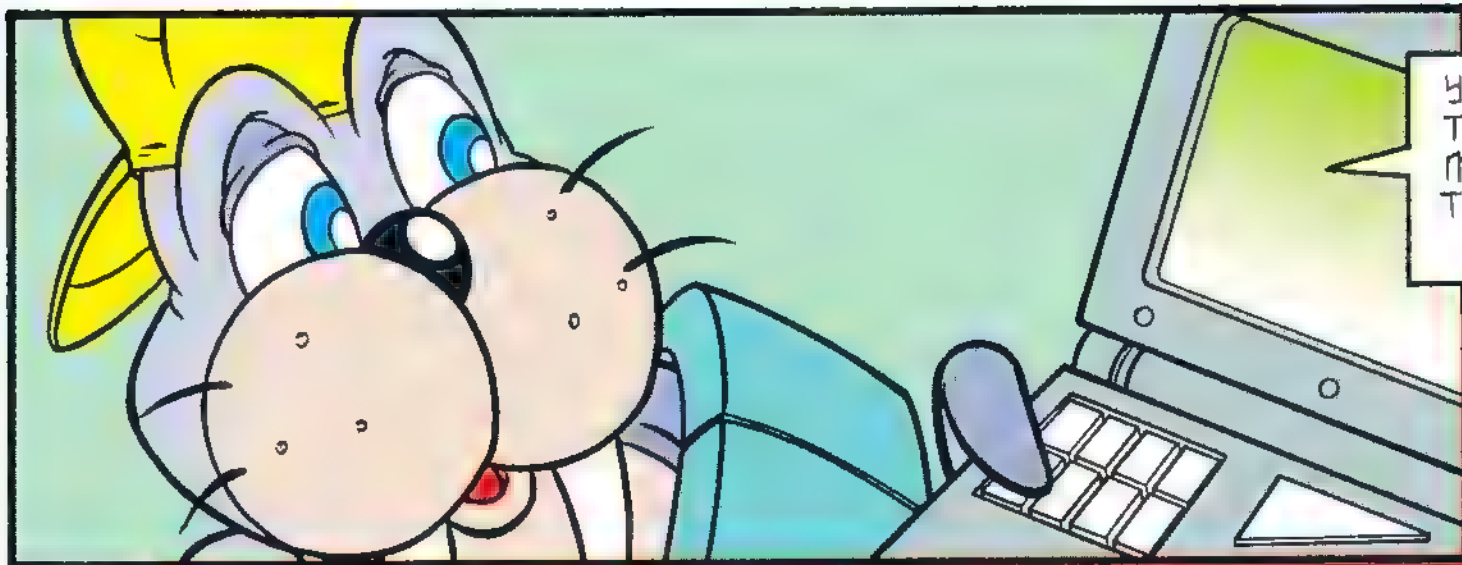
OH, DEAR...
MAYBE WE CAN
SALVAGE SOME
COMPONENTS?



I'M AFRAID HE DOESN'T
HAVE THAT MUCH TIME,
PRINCESS.≡Choke≡

≡Shiff≡

IN≡VRAP≡DEED...
I'M LATE FOR MY
≡KZZT≡EXPIRATION
DATE...



YOUR HIGHNESS, I HAVE THE DATA... PLUG ME INTO MECHA-SOONIE AND I'LL TRY TO INSTIGATE THE RETRO-PROCEDURE!

CAN SHE DO THAT, ROTOR?



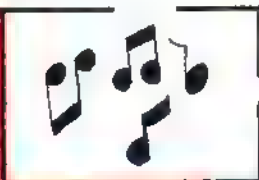
I DOUBT IT, SALLY... THE REQUIRED ENERGY WOULD--

HEY!
OW!

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, PRINCESS... CATCH ME!

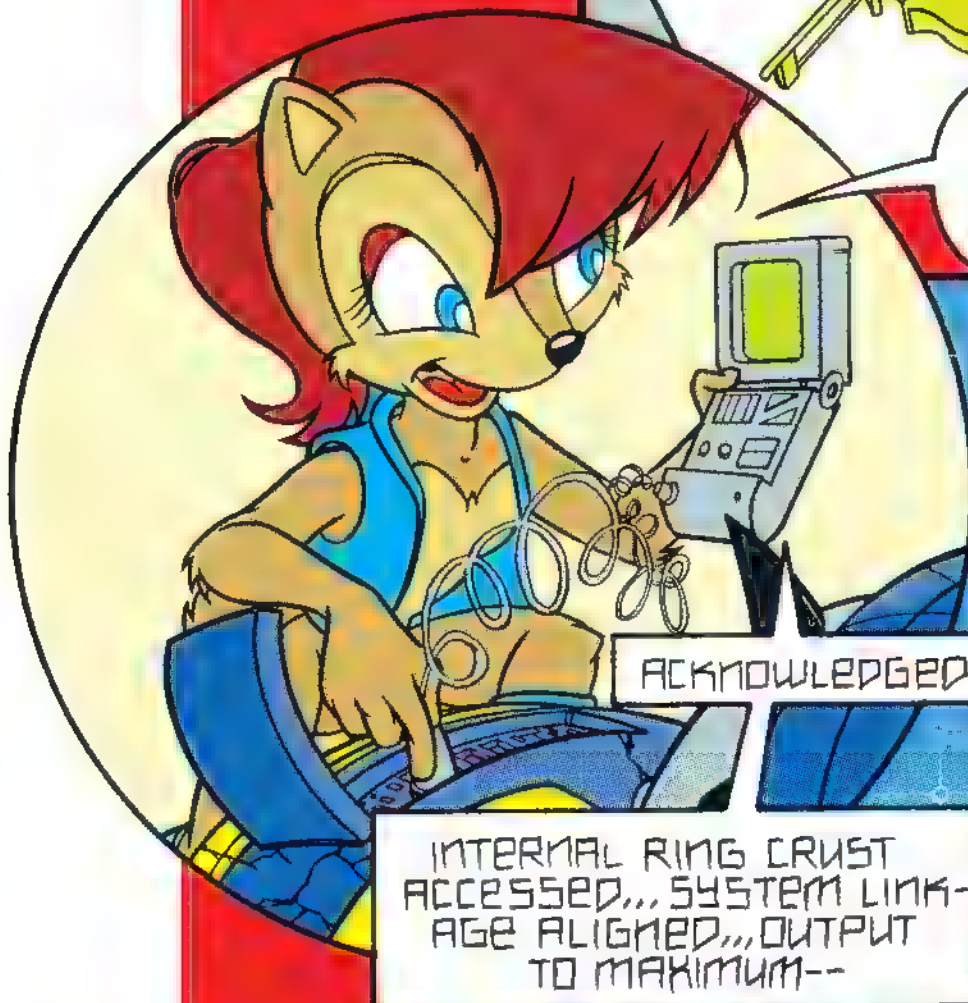
NICOLE?

LOOK--MACHINES ARE ALWAYS GETTING A BAD RAP AROUND HERE... LET ME TRY! IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!



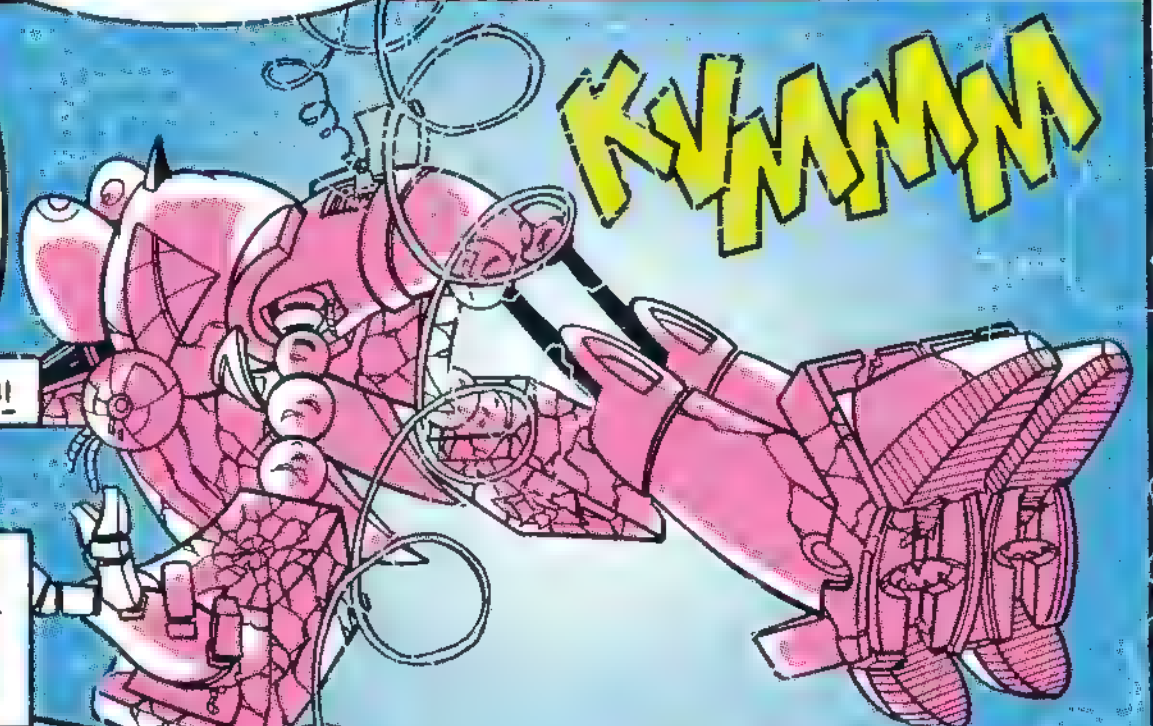
Hmm--

VERY WELL, MY LOYAL COMPUTER IT'S UP TO YOU-- GO FOR IT!



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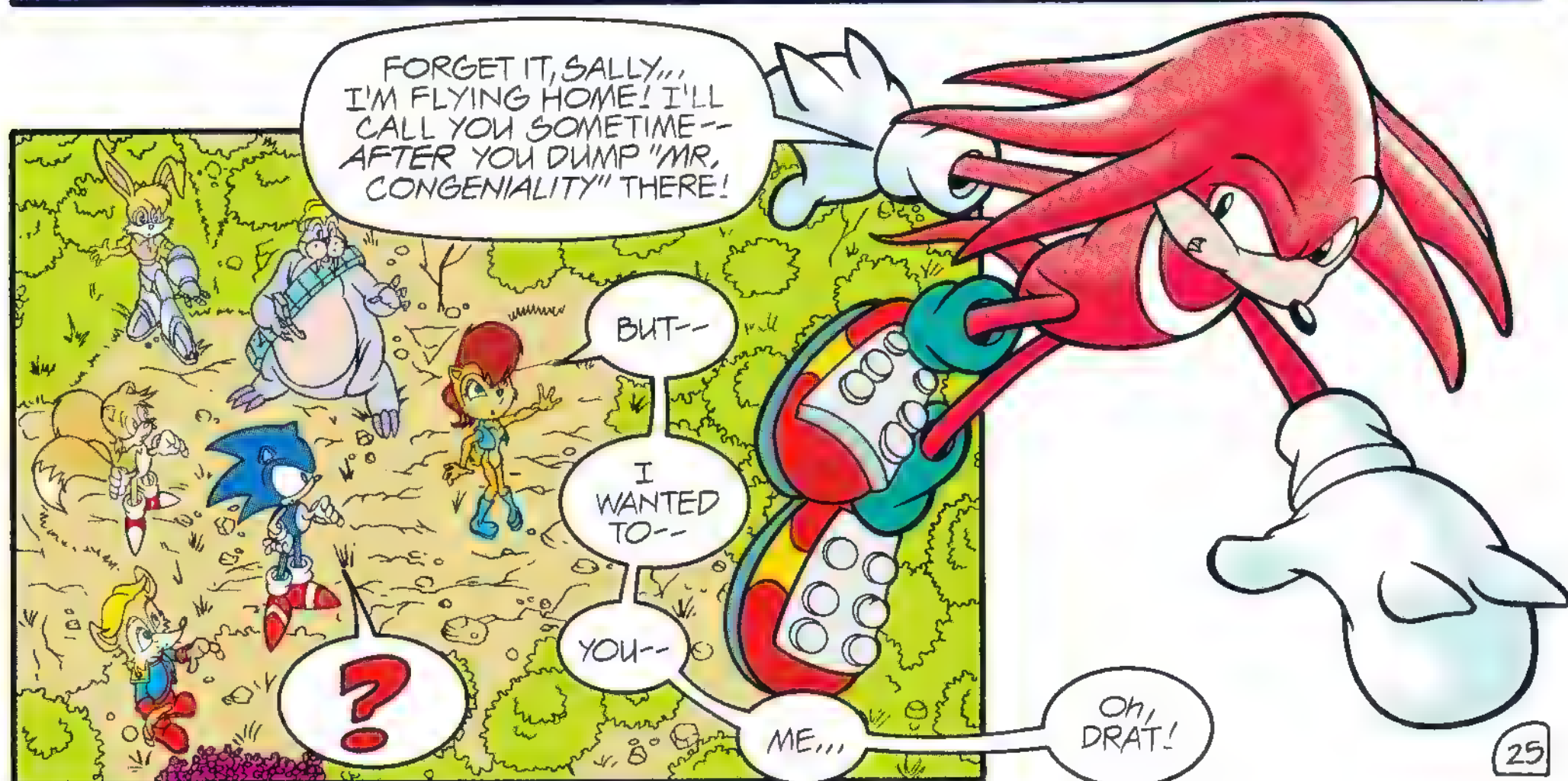
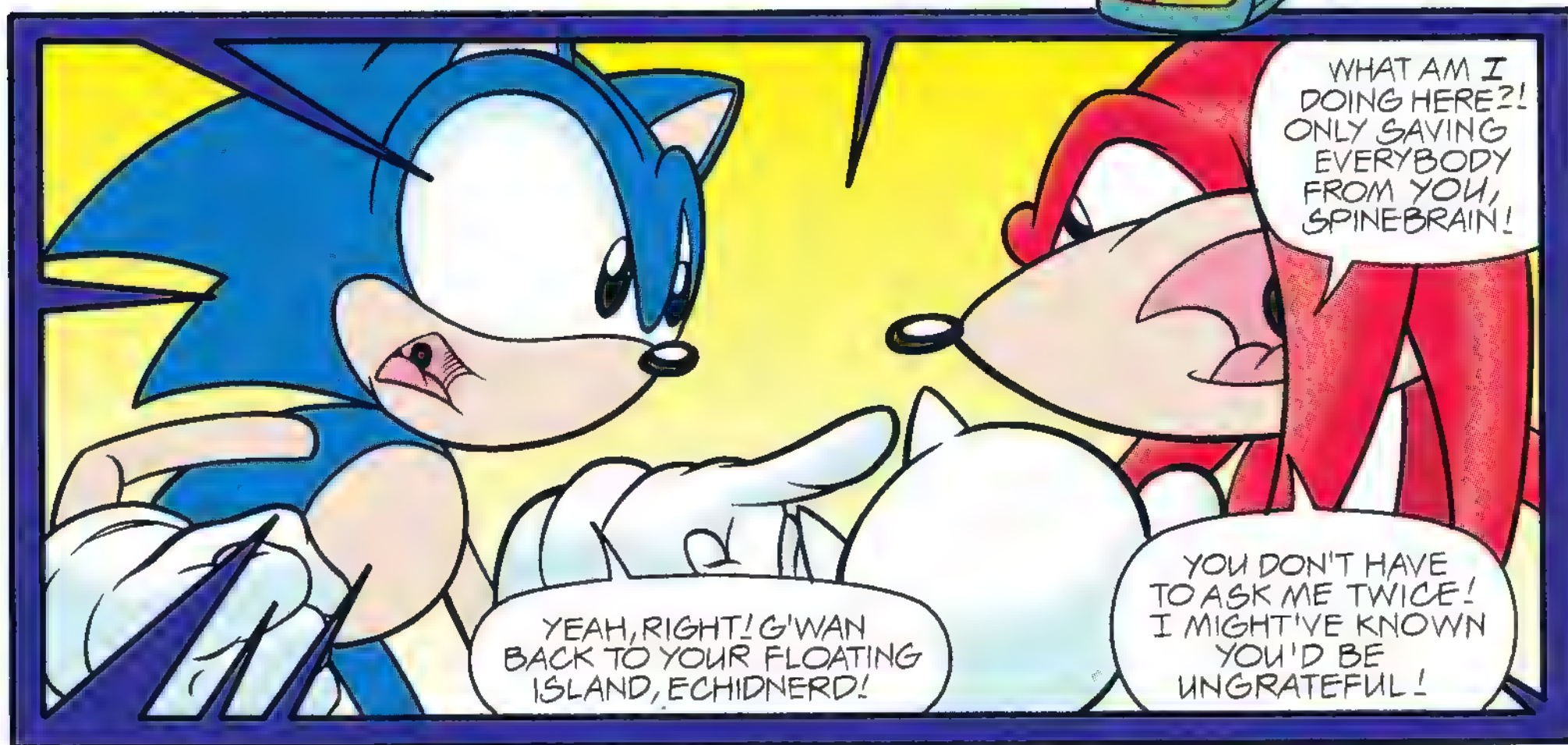
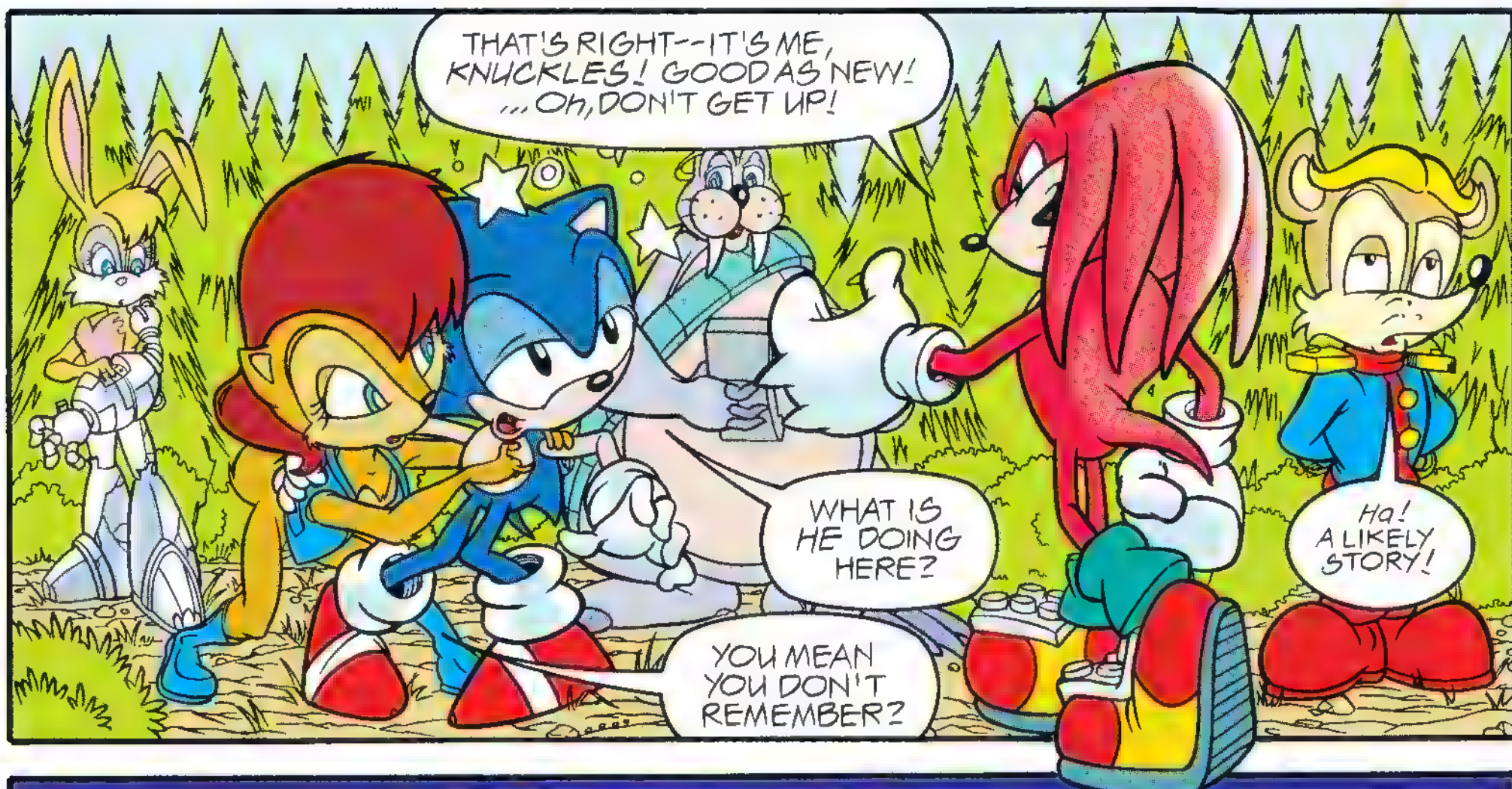
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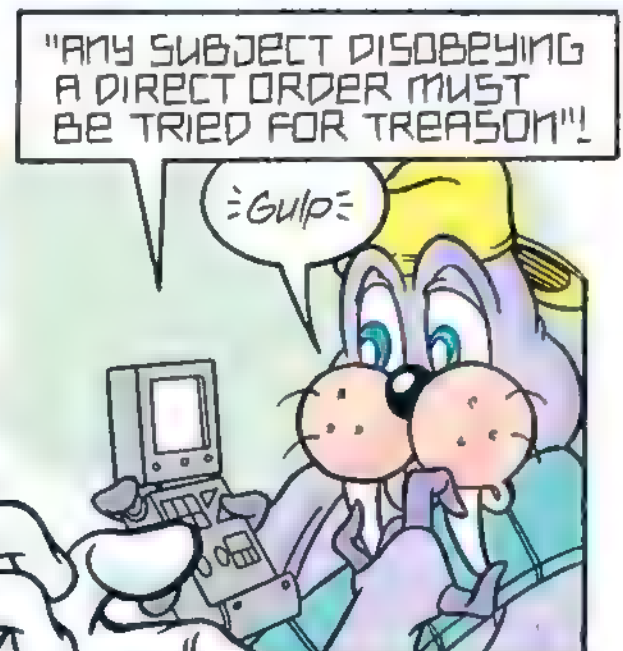
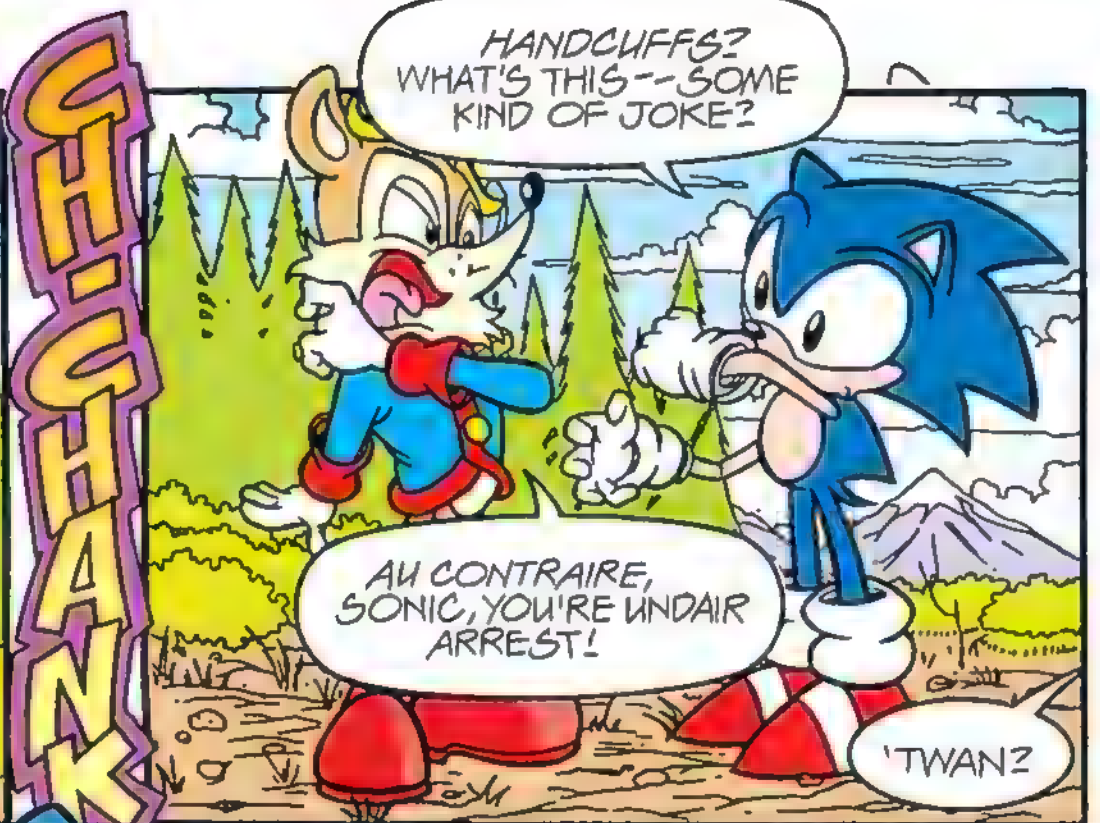
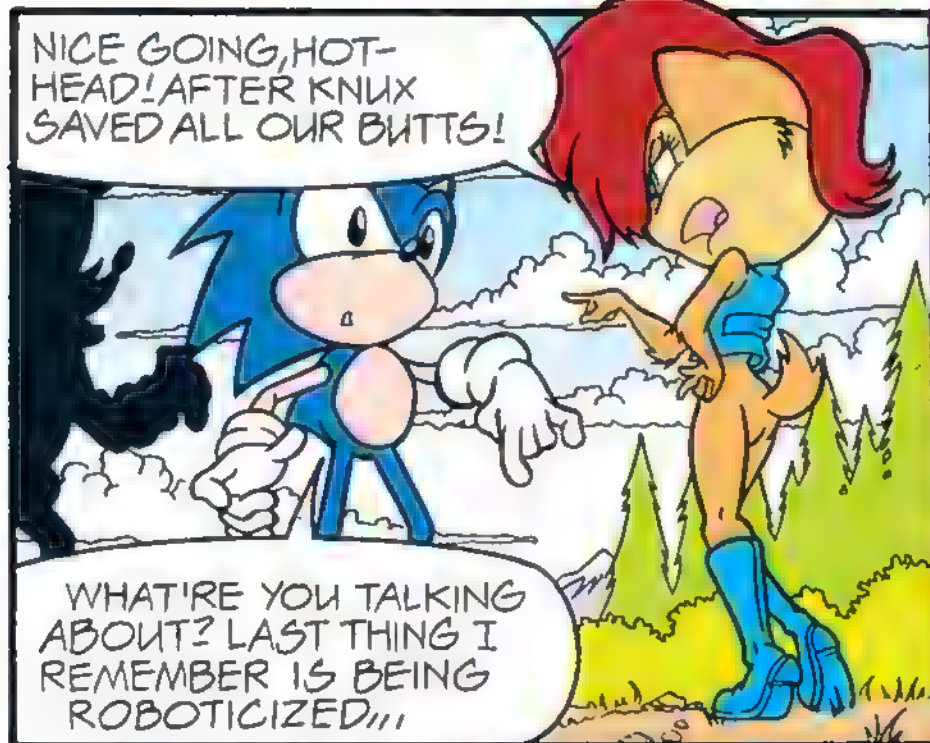
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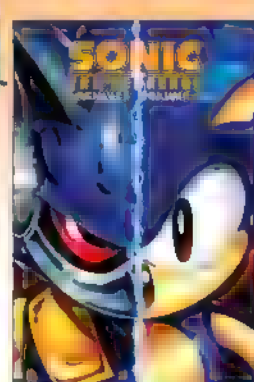
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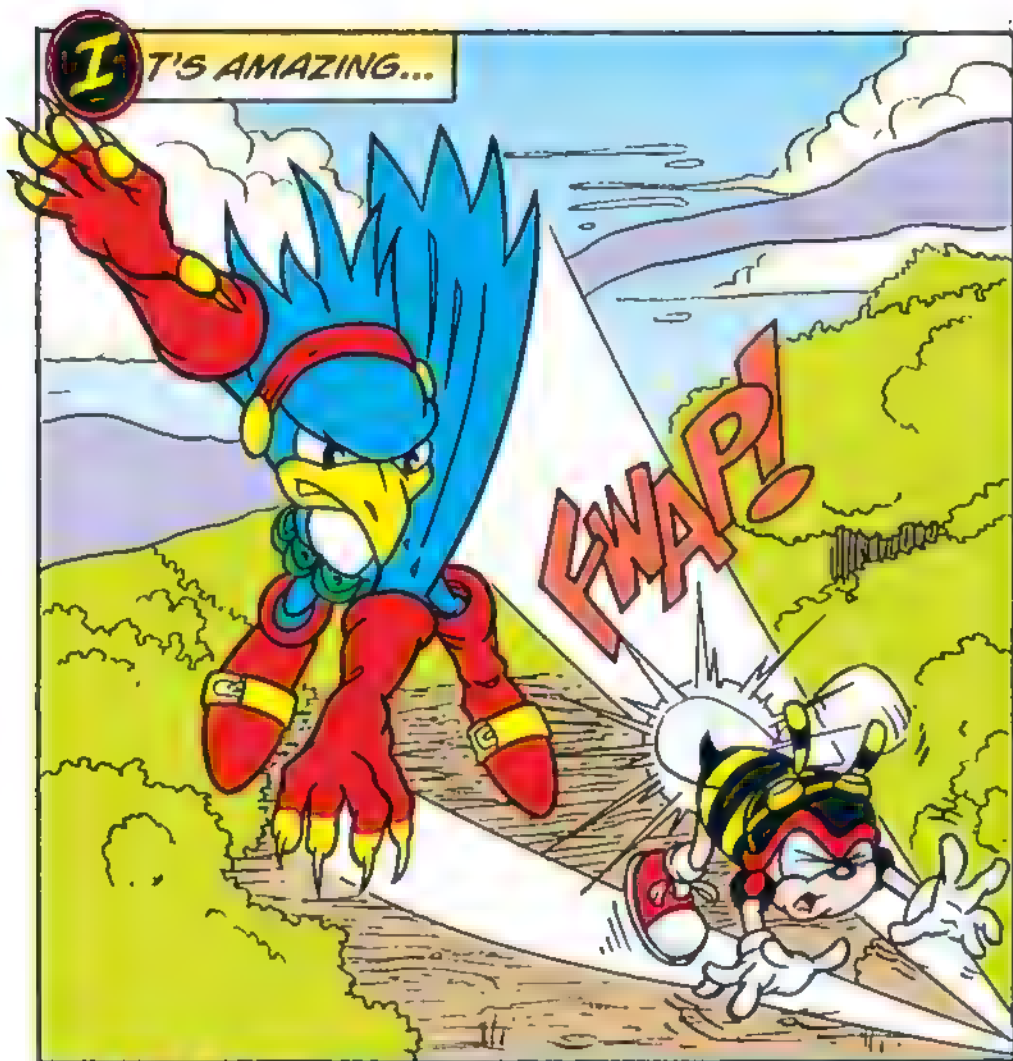
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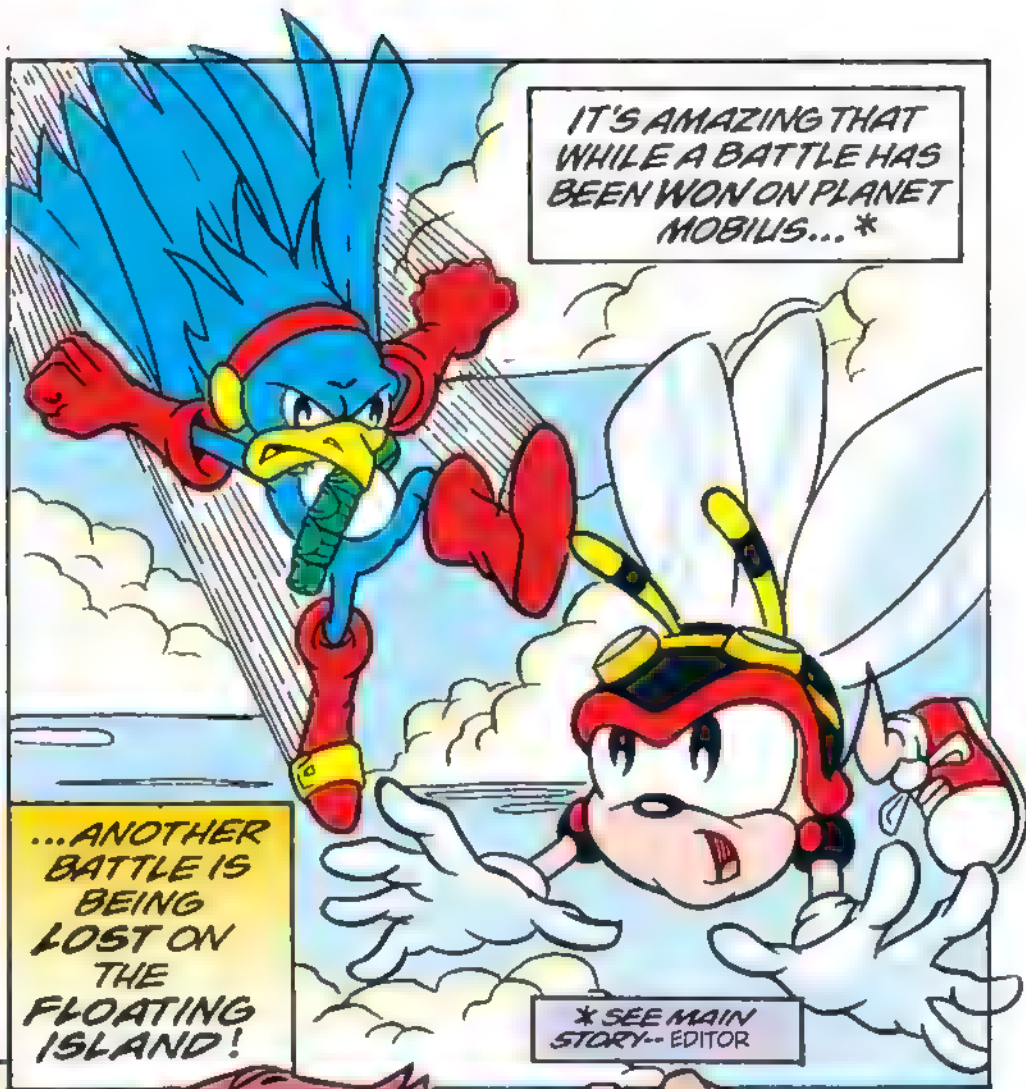
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BUT, STAY TUNED FOR
THE COURT-MARTIAL OF
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
IN
SONIC ARCHIVES
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I T'S AMAZING...

FWAP!



IT'S AMAZING THAT WHILE A BATTLE HAS BEEN WON ON PLANET MOBILUS... *

* SEE MAIN STORY -- EDITOR

...ANOTHER BATTLE IS BEING LOST ON THE FLOATING ISLAND!



WE ARE NOT NATURAL ENEMIES, SMALL ONE, BUT THE AIR IS THE DOMAIN OF PREDATOR HAWK!

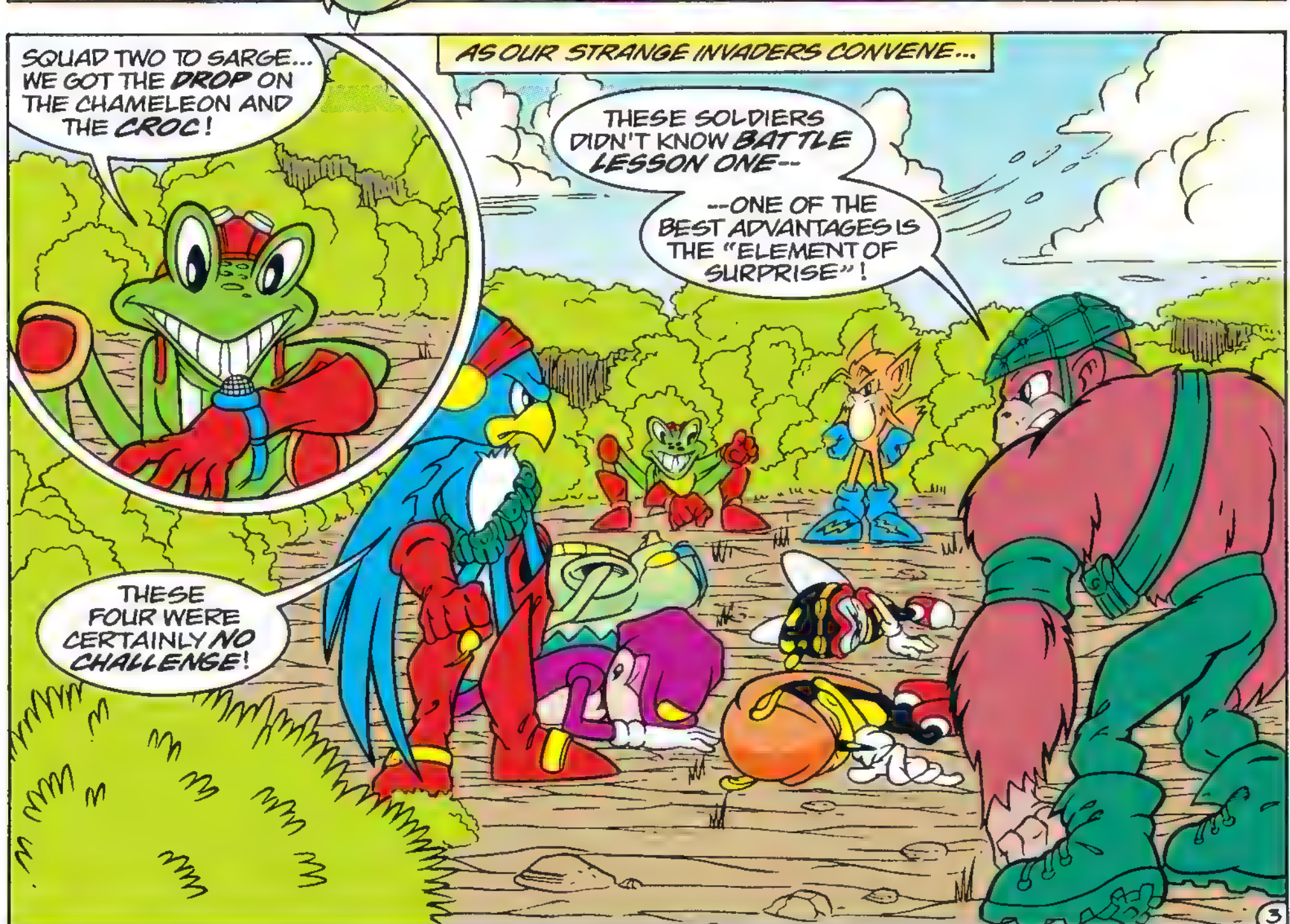
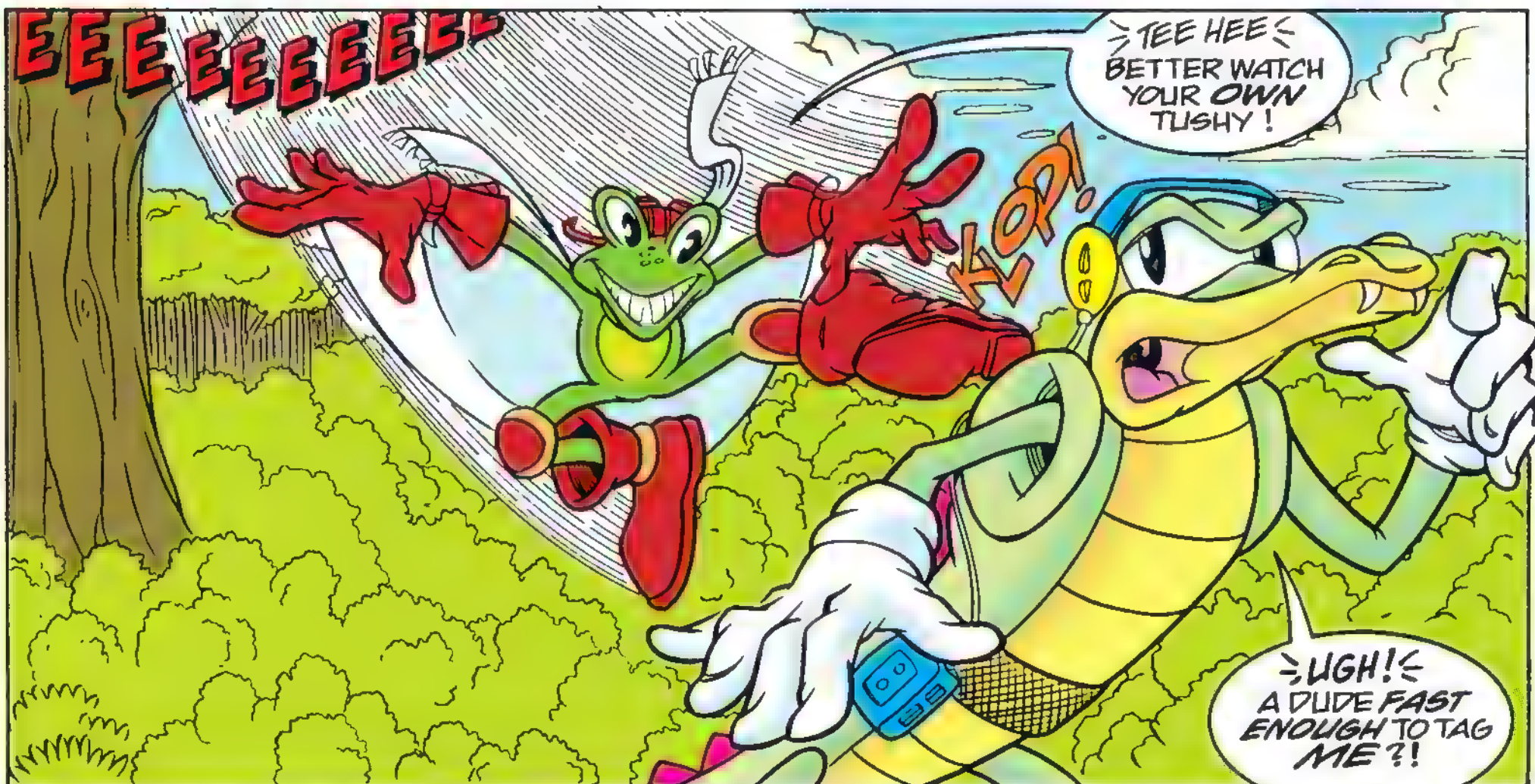
THEY CALL THIS BOY MIGHTY?! WELL, HE'S PRETTY WEAK WHEN IT COMES TO GUERRILLA WARFARE!

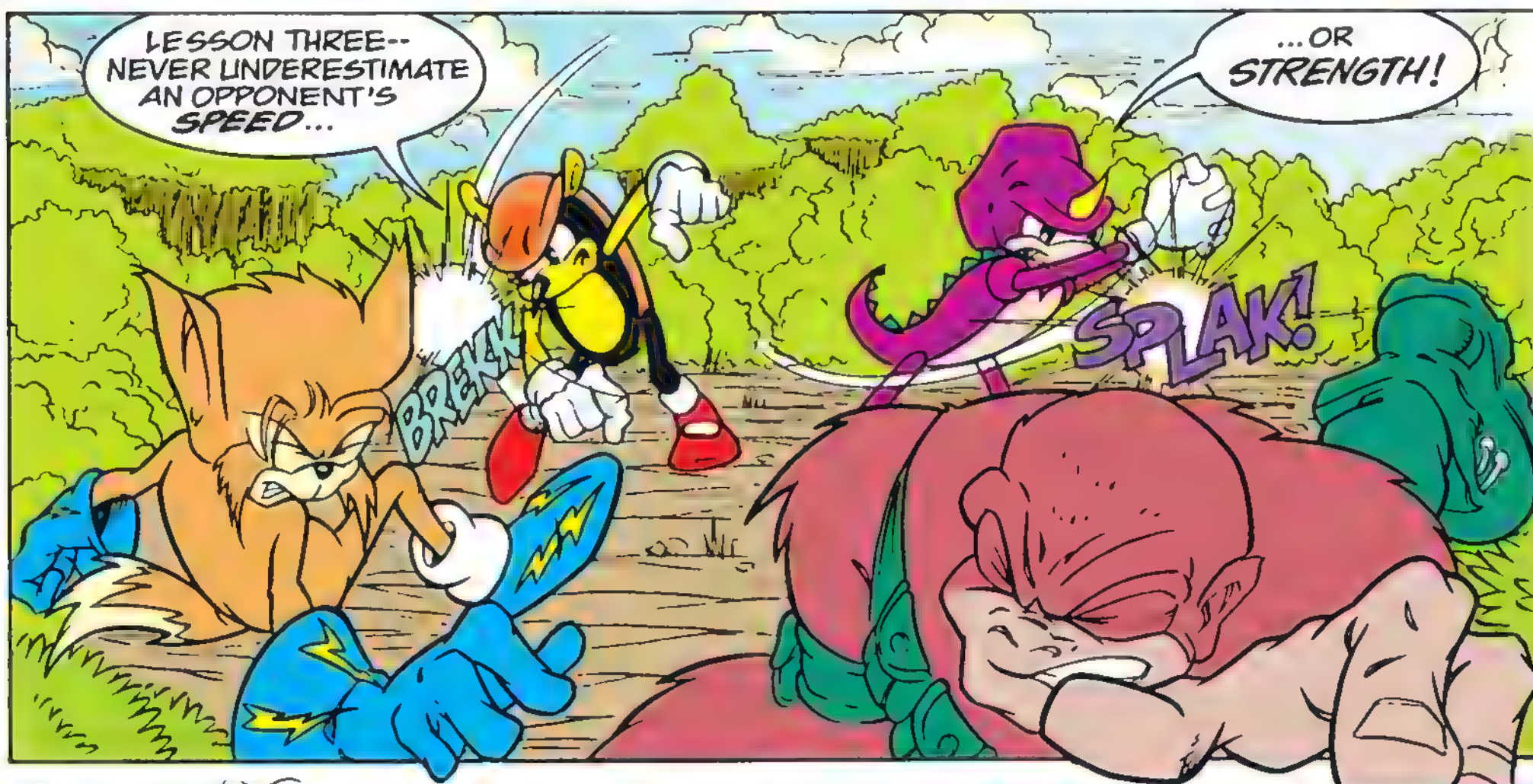
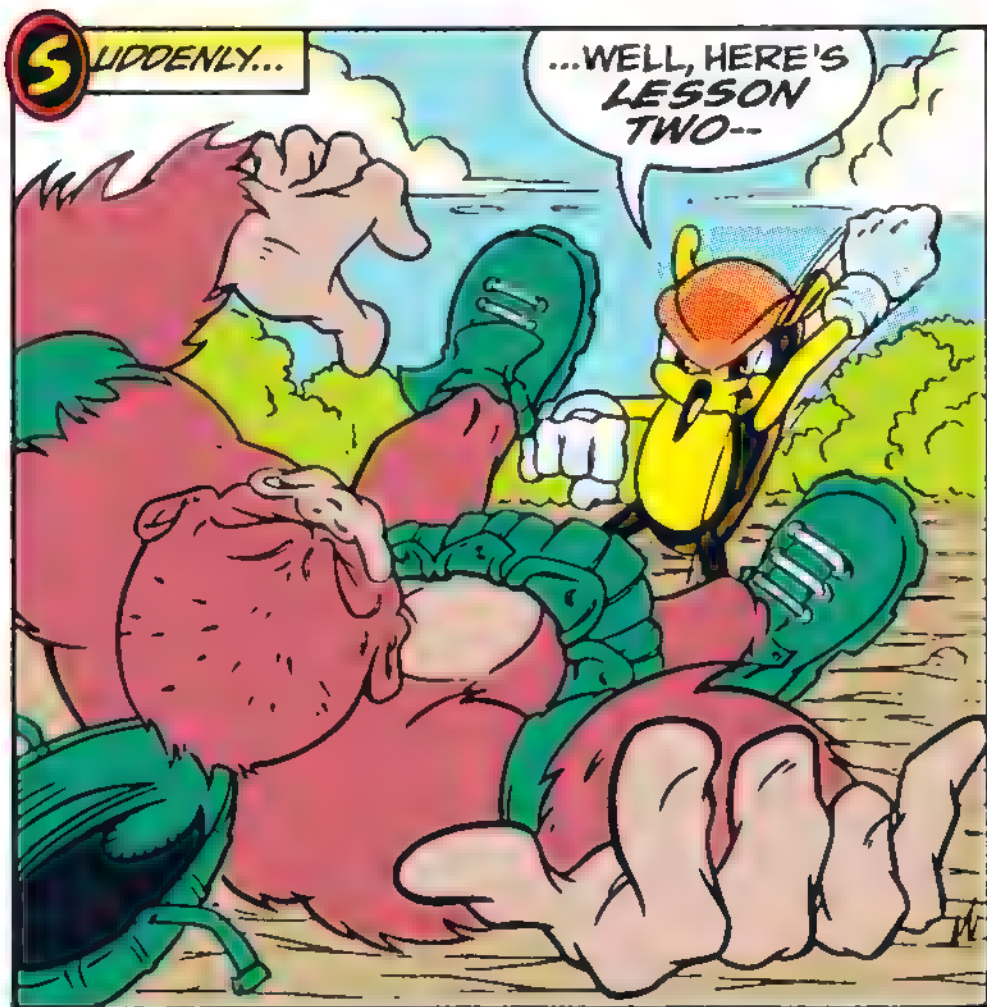
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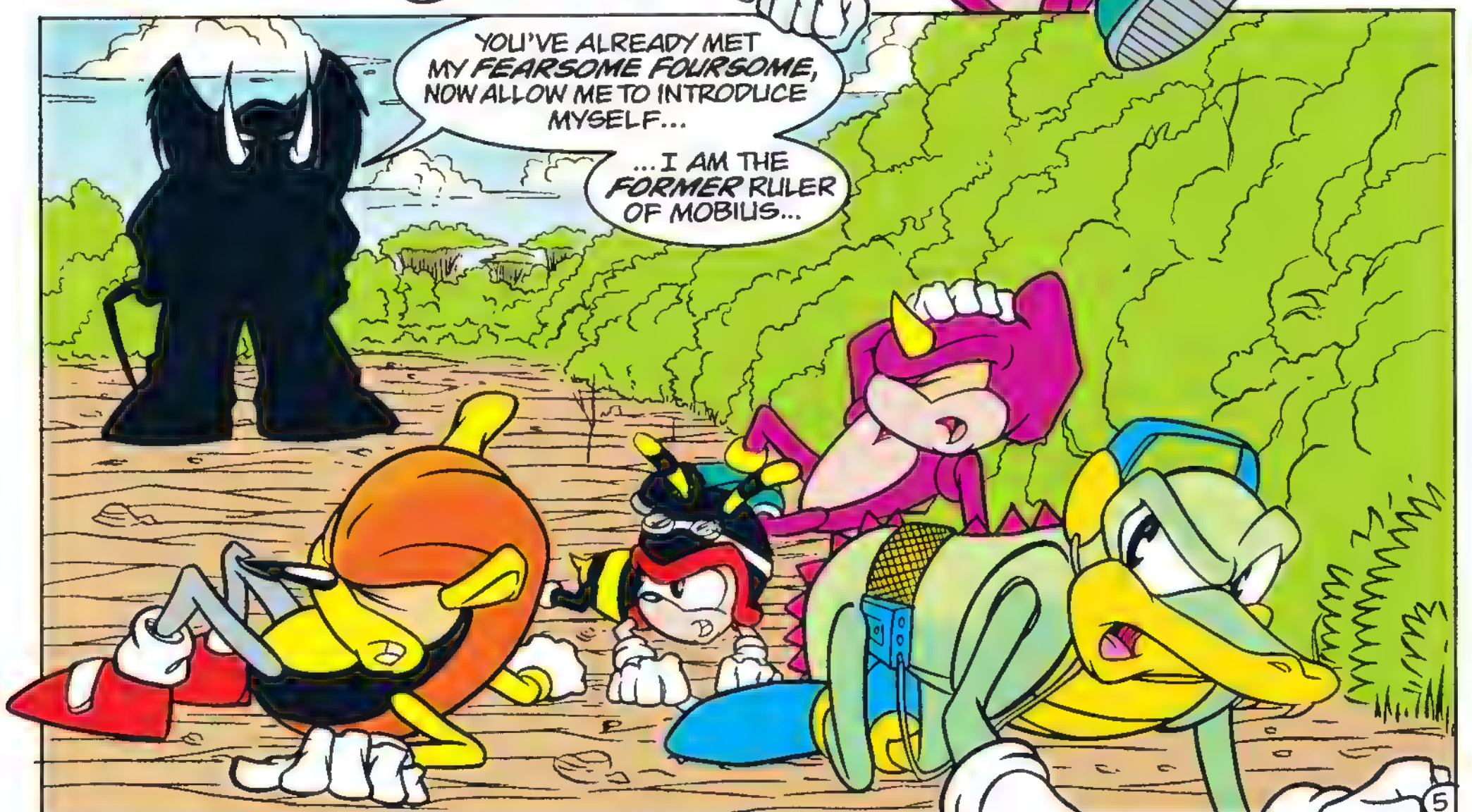
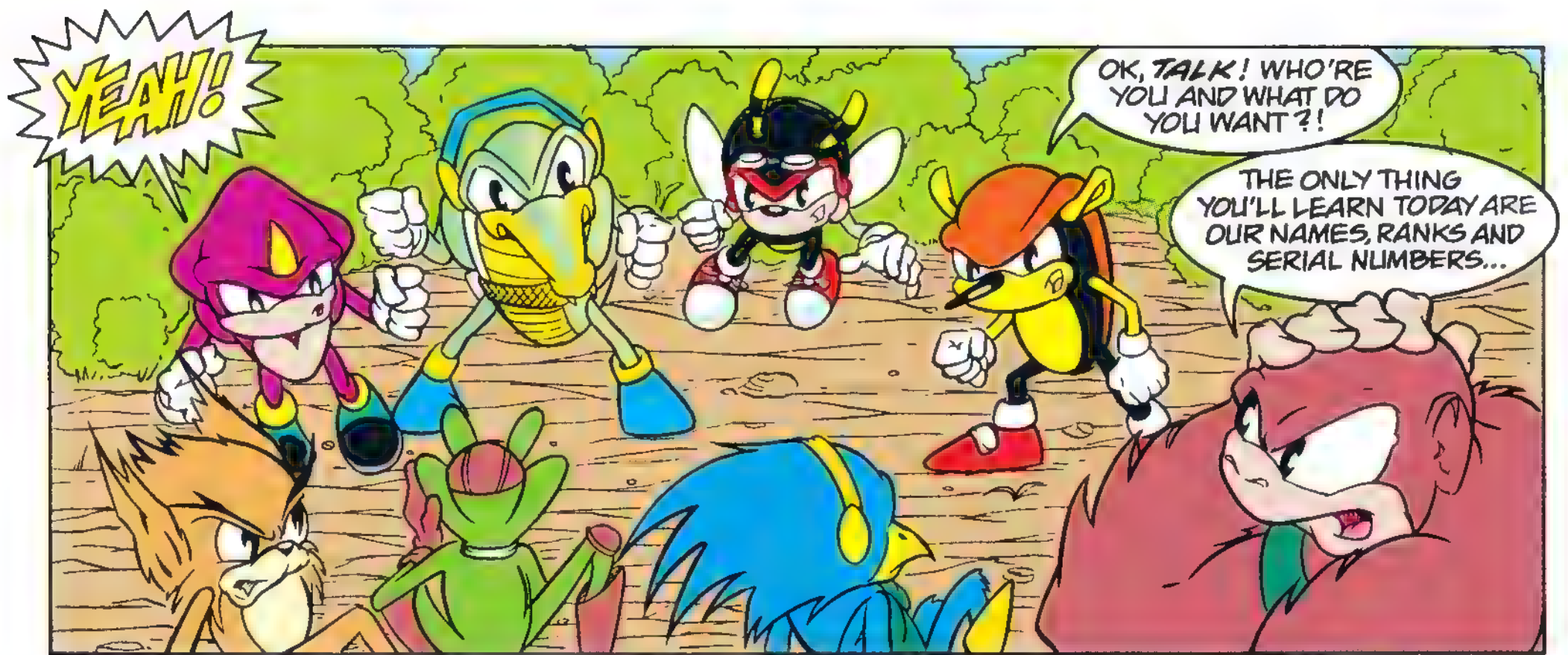
BRACK!

THE CHAOTIX

DON'T LET THE ISLAND HIT YOU ON THE WAY DOWN!

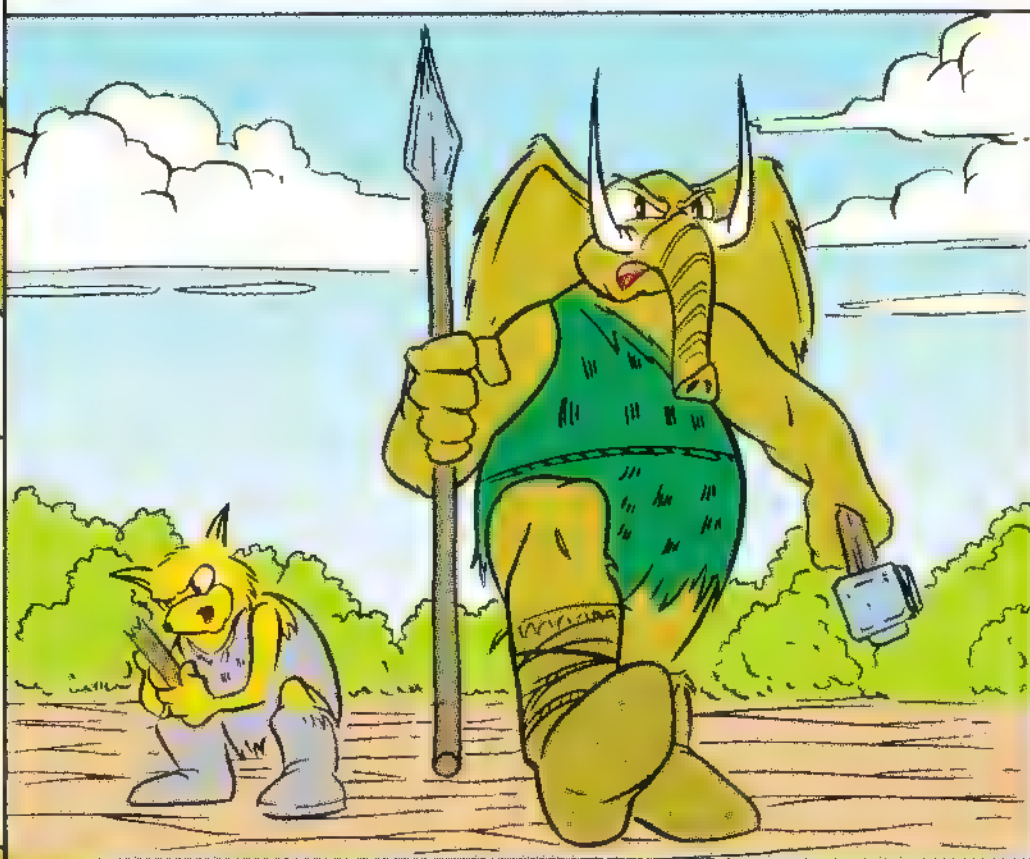






...AND ITS *FUTURE* LORD AND MASTER... I AM THE SUPREME BEING KNOWN AS... *MAMMOTH MOGLUL!*

"I WAS BORN ON *MOBIUS* EONS AGO... LONG AFTER THE BIRTH OF THE *ANCIENT WALKERS*, BUT CENTURIES *BEFORE* MOST MODERN RACES..."

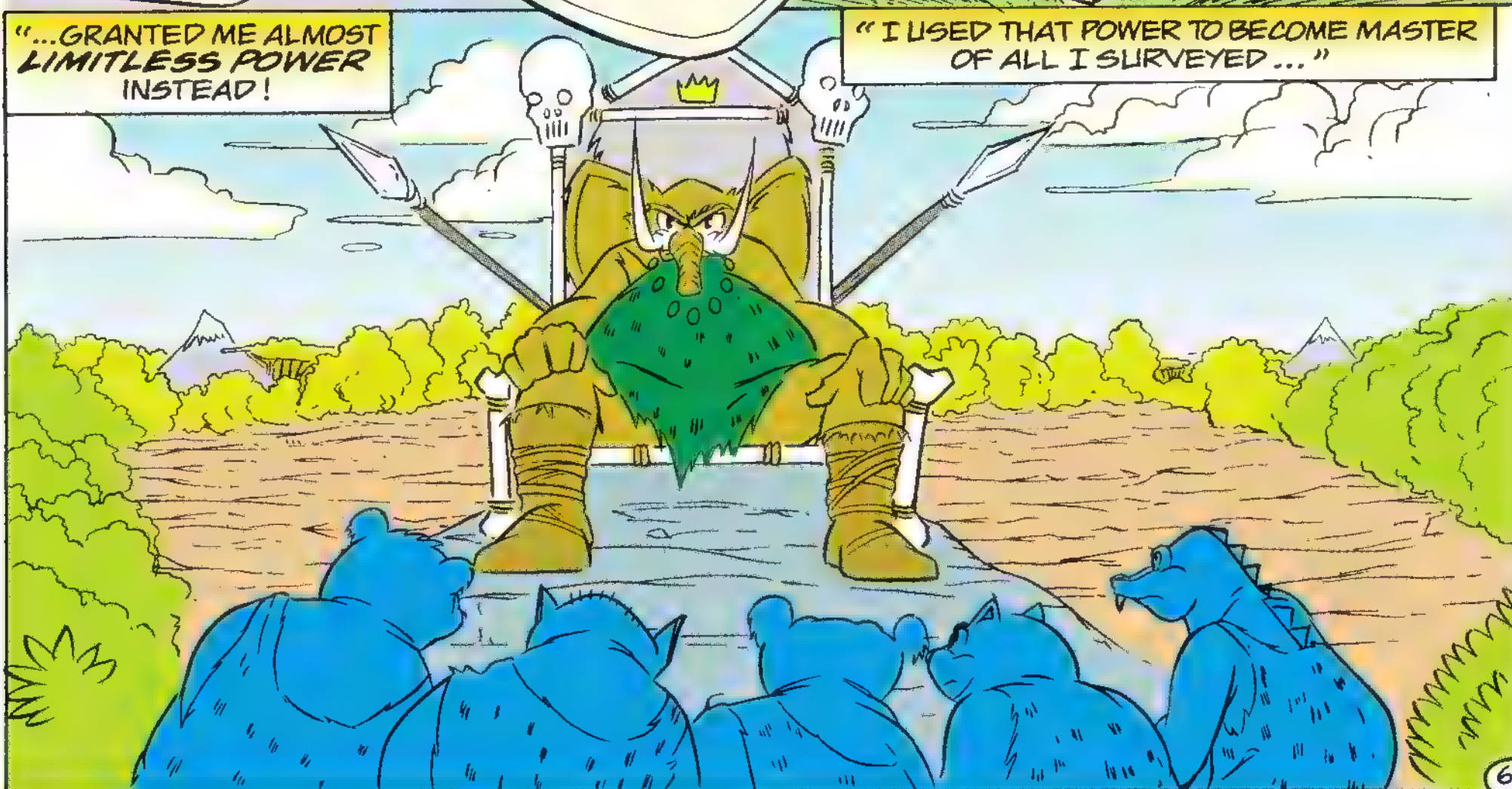


"LIFE THEN WAS FRAUGHT WITH MYSTERY AND DANGER... AND A BOLT OF ENERGY FROM AN UNKNOWN *JEWEL* WHICH SHOULD HAVE CAUSED DEATH..."



"...GRANTED ME ALMOST *LIMITLESS POWER* INSTEAD!"

"I USED THAT POWER TO BECOME MASTER OF ALL I SURVEYED..."



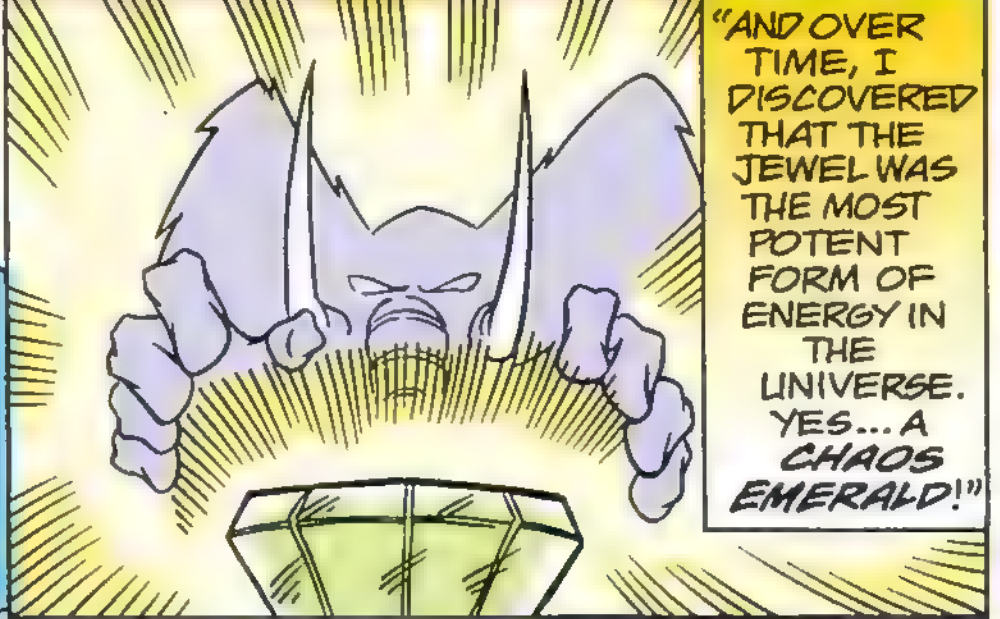
"...BUT OVER THE MILLENNIA THE RACES EVOLVED, GAINING STRENGTH AND *INDEPENDENCE*... THEY REVOLTED, AND I WAS *DETHRONED*!"



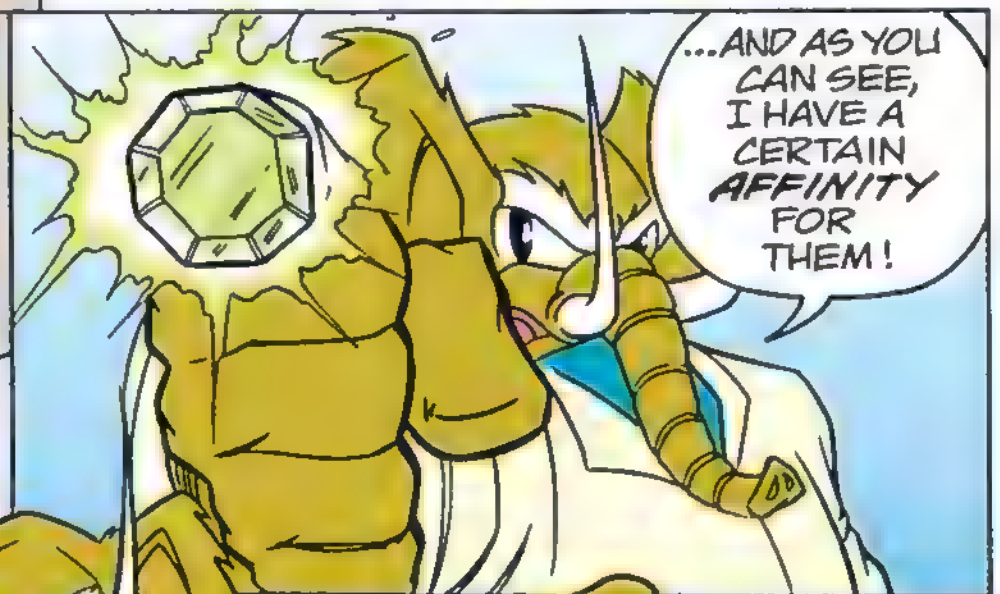
"YES, I DID SAY *MILLENNIA*! THAT UNKNOWN JEWEL'S ENERGY HAD GRANTED ME POWER AND *IMMORTALITY*!"



"AND OVER TIME, I DISCOVERED THAT THE JEWEL WAS THE MOST POTENT FORM OF ENERGY IN THE UNIVERSE. YES... A *CHAOS EMERALD*!"

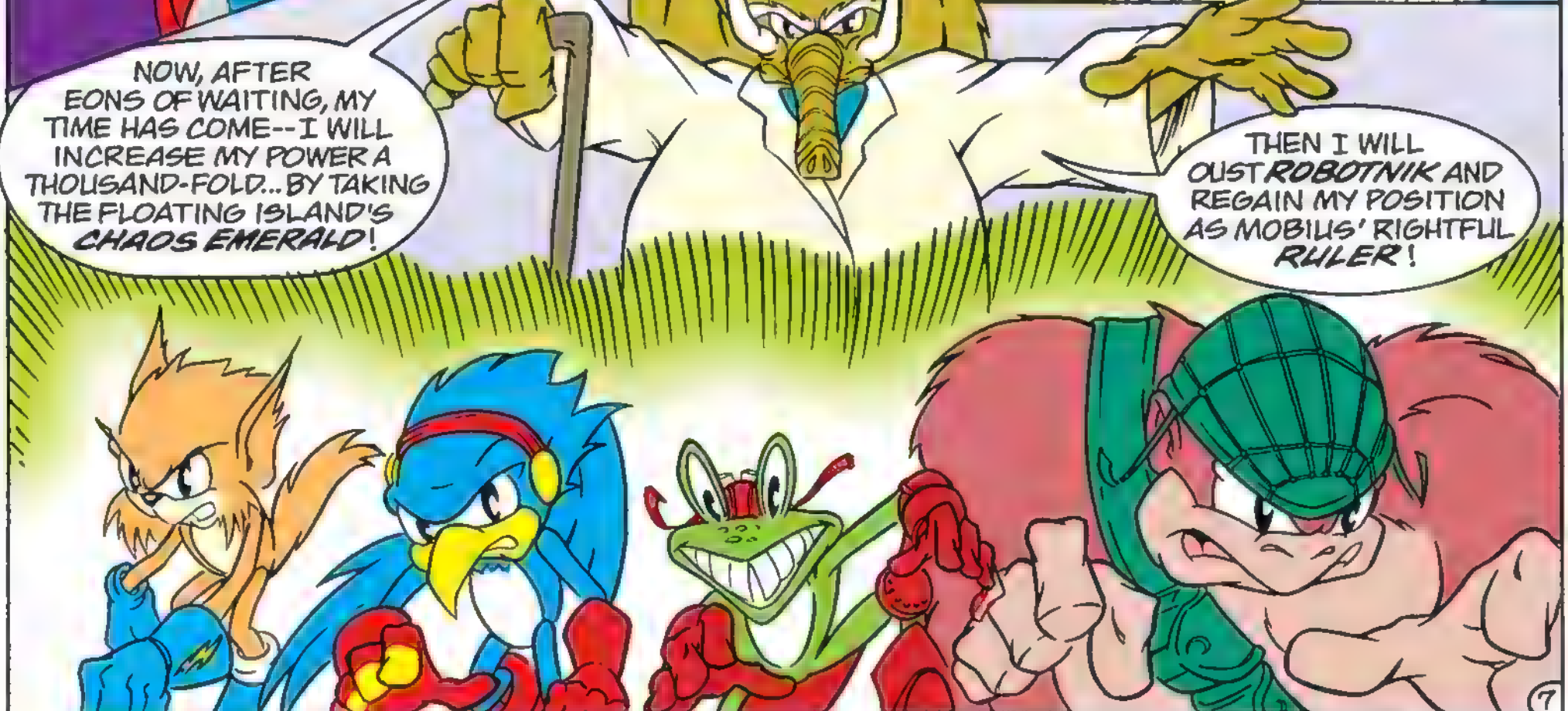


"...AND AS YOU CAN SEE, I HAVE A CERTAIN *AFFINITY* FOR THEM!"

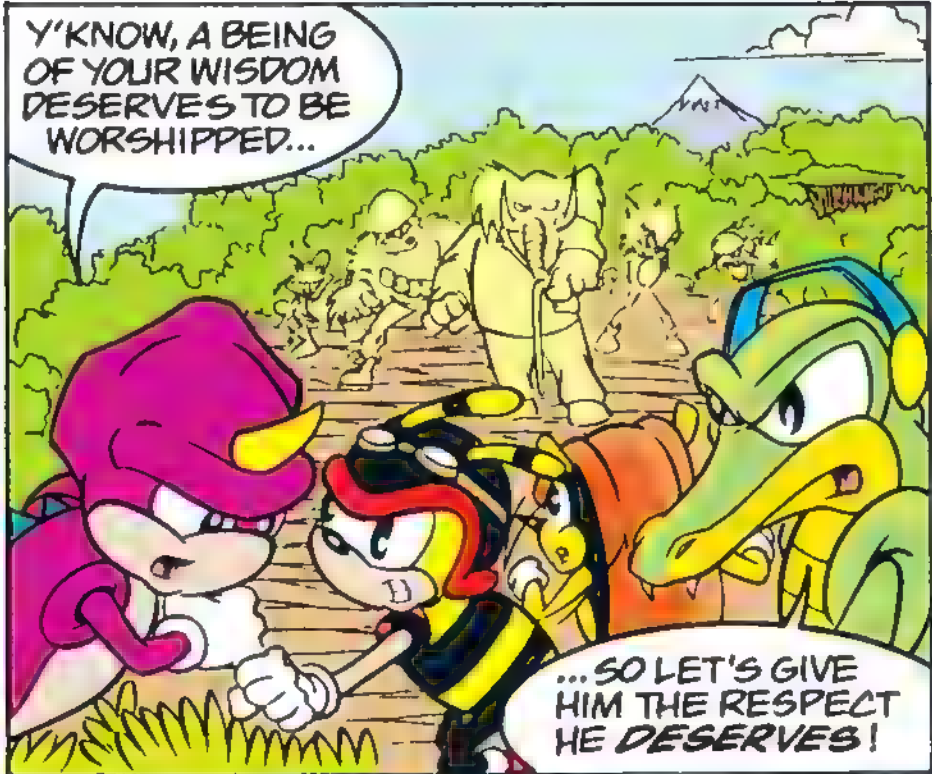


NOW, AFTER EONS OF WAITING, MY TIME HAS COME--I WILL INCREASE MY POWER A THOUSAND-FOLD... BY TAKING THE FLOATING ISLAND'S *CHAOS EMERALD*!

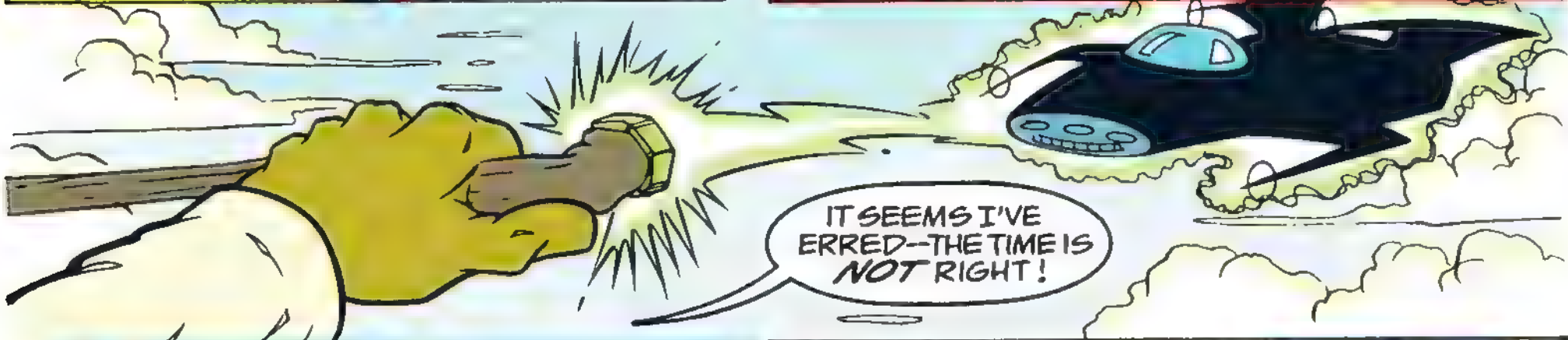
THEN I WILL OUST *ROBOTNIK* AND REGAIN MY POSITION AS *MOBIUS'* RIGHTFUL *RULER*!



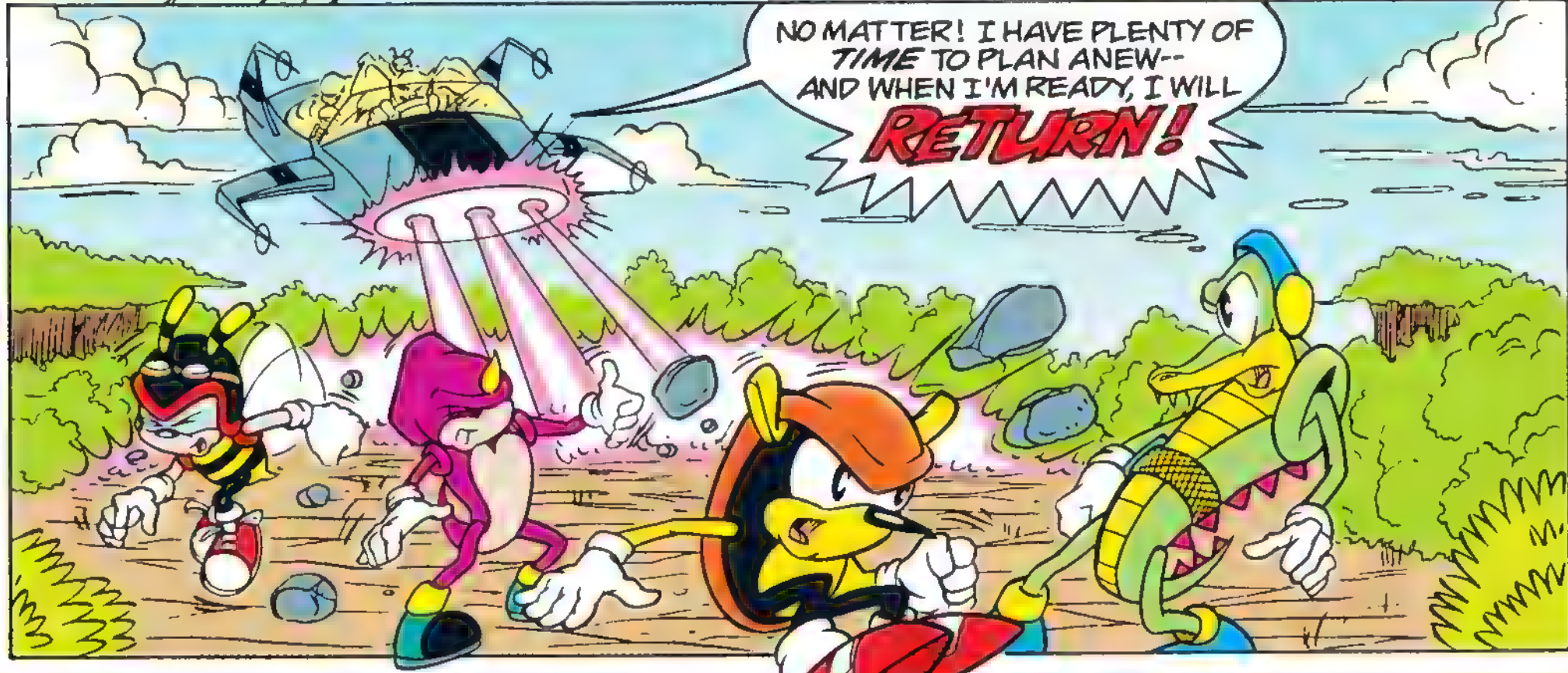
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OF YOUR WISDOM
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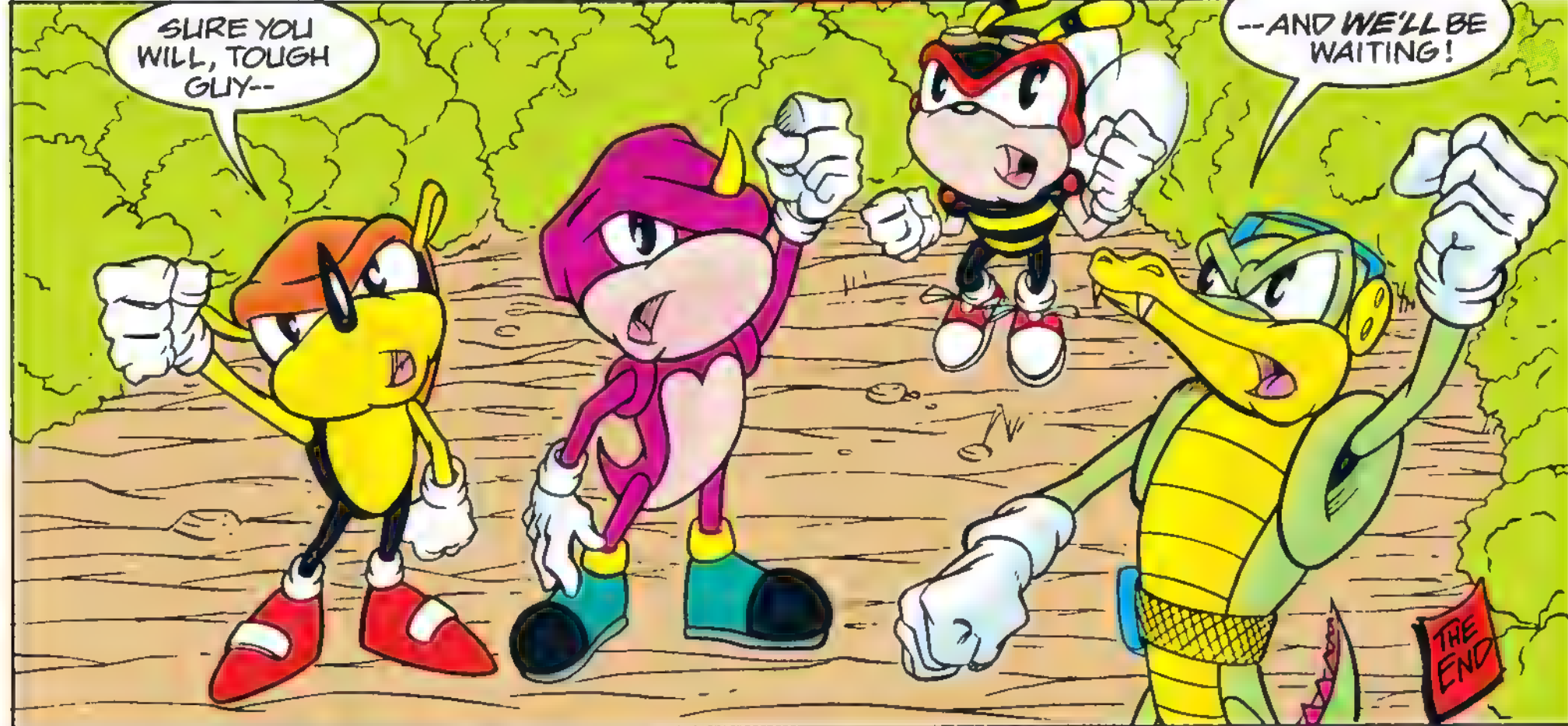
...SO LET'S GIVE
HIM THE RESPECT
HE *DESERVES*!



IT SEEMS I'VE
ERRED--THE TIME IS
NOT RIGHT!



NO MATTER! I HAVE PLENTY OF
TIME TO PLAN ANEW--
AND WHEN I'M READY, I WILL
RETURN!



SURE YOU
WILL, TOUGH
GUY--

--AND WE'LL BE
WAITING!

THE
END

BECAUSE *YOU* DEMANDED IT!....

the **FORTY FATHOMS** **FREEDOM FIGHTERS**

IN **EEL of FORTUNE**

ROLL CALL

RAY

BIVALVE

BOTTLENOSE

P.B. JELLYFISH

HEY! I'D KNOW THAT SLIMY SILHOUETTE ANYWHERE...

...IT'S OUR OLD ENEMY, **OCTOBOT!***

* HEY, IT'S OCTOBOT! SONIC SELECT 1 SAYS HI -- AND SO DOES THE TAILS MINISERIES, COMING SOON TO A SELECT ISSUE NEAR YOU! - THE MANAGEMENT

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THESE WATERS, EIGHT-BALL? CARRYING OUT MORE OF ROBOTNIK'S EVIL PLANS?

YULPE P.B. JELLYFISH! DON'T STING ME... I'M JUST PASSING THROUGH ON MY WAY OUT OF HERE!

